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**Central Washington University
General Education Committee
October 19, 2009
Minutes**

Present: John Alsoszatai-Petheo, Gregory Brown, Cynthia Coe, Bobby Cummings, Aaron Montgomery, Sharon Rosell, Tracy Pellett, Scott Carlton and Sheryl Grunden.

Absent: Maya Chachava, Duane Dowd, Megan Hammond

Guests: None

Meeting was convened at 2:02 p.m.

Chair(s) decision – The committee discussed the idea of having a rotating chair for each meeting. John AP suggested the possibility of having one person be chair each quarter, rather than a different chair at each meeting. Aaron agreed to be chair for the fall quarter. John AP will volunteer for one of the other two quarters.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Greg moved to approve the minutes for October 12, 2009 as read. John AP seconded and motion was passed.

Announcements – Aaron reported on his meeting with a member of the accreditation team this morning regarding general education. There will be an article in the Observer next week.

Curriculum Form/Gen Ed Rationale Form – The committee discussed which goals should be on the general education rationale form. It was decided that the current requirements are in place until a program change has been done and approved through the Faculty Senate.

Department letter from Senate – The committee discussed the joint letter to departments be sent out from the committee and Faculty Senate. The committee would like feedback from departments on the alignment of courses within the three basic skills categories and the breadth areas. Aaron will send an e-mail to Loran Cutsinger to where this is in the process.

General Education forum update – The last forum went better than the first one. The mid-level seminar will be discussed at the next forum. The Math department would like to remove MATH 130 from the basic skills. Getting rid of MATH 130 will make it more manageable for the department to handle. If this basic skill is removed, computer science and philosophy will each lose a course in the current general education requirements. The committee discussed possible equivalent courses to

ENG 102 that could potentially be added to that requirement. English had some concerns with this possibility.

Petitions/appeals (if any) – No petitions.

The next forum is next week, Monday 15 3:00 p.m.. The discussion will be primarily on the interdisciplinary courses. Aaron will announce that forum. The bracketed information on the Wiki shows that it is tentative.

A professor submitted a proposal for general education consideration. It breaks it down into basic areas. This proposal was not the direction the committee would like to go.

Aaron will send a letter about Communications about the curriculum committee concerns. Greg suggested that this information be sent to Lois and give her a chance to come back and discuss this with the committee.

Aaron posed the question of whether the committee wants to entertain the option of recertification of all courses in gen ed? No process to remove the course. Build in assessment and accountability. Every five years give assessment data, if not will be dropped from the program.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Next General Education Forum Barge 412

Next meeting November 2, 2009 Barge 410