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Central Washington University
General Education Committee
April 6, 2009
Minutes

Present: John Alsoszatai-Petheo, Gregory Brown, Maya Chachava, Cynthia Coe, Bobby Cummings, Duanw Dowd, Aaron Montgomery, Patsy Callaghan and Rose Brower-Spodobalski

Absent: Caitlin Baldwin, Sharon Rosell, and Chad Wassell

Guests: None

Meeting was convened by co-chair Aaron Mongtomery at 2:02 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda – Two Communications requests will be on the April 20th agenda.

Minutes for March 9, 2009 were approved with the change of adding John AP to the absent list.

Announcements – Aaron reported on a Critical Thinking conference he attended in Boulder, CO. As a result, Central will be piloting a critical thinking test as possible alternative to the CLA. This test is \$5 per test compared to the \$30 per test for the CLA. Need to do a faculty forum on basic skills. Was decided April 27th would be a good date. Aaron indicated committee members needed to think about becoming chair for next year as he will be stepping down.

Class size – A concern was brought to the committee about course sizes for “W” courses. Aaron will draft a letter for the committee’s review.

Breadth Requirements –Committee reviewed Aaron’s proposal. Some faculty have proposed having a UNIV 300 required course in sustainability. This proposal will be reviewed at the next meeting. A question was asked about where foreign language fits into this program? Patsy indicated will put that question on wiki and send a notice to let people know there are some changes.

Patsy’s report – Patsy reported she has met with Provost Quirk and he has agreed to separate the framework of the General Education proposal from the budget.

Petitions/appeals (if any)

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting April 20th

