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CWU General Education Committee Minutes - 11/17/08

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Present: John Alsoszatai-Petheo, Caitlin Baldwin, Gregory Brown, Maya Chachava, Cynthia Coe, Bobby Cummings, Duane Dowd, Aaron Montgomery, Sharon Rosell, Chad Wassell, Patsy Callaghan, Sheryl Grunden.

Absent: None

Guest(s): Tom Wellock

Meeting was convened at 2:02 by co-chair Aaron Montgomery.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

John AP moved approval of the November 10, 2008 minutes as amended. Motion was seconded and approved.

Announcements - None

Course approvals – Dr. Wellock spoke with the committee regarding their concerns about adding History 454 to the General Education program. There were concerns about this course being cross listed as a graduate level course. Also that Freshman cannot sign up for a 400 level course. Dr. Wellock indicated that the History department does not differentiate much between 300 and 400 level courses. There are no pre-requisites for this course and the assumption is it would be offered at the centers. This course is currently taught once every two years.

John AP moved to adopt a policy that 400 level courses will not be accepted as general education courses. Motion was seconded and approved.

Greg move to not approve History 454 as a General Education course. Bobby seconded and motion was approved.

Patsy’s report – The committee reviewed proposal language. Talked about when they want this information to go to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. It was moved and seconded to look at goals 2-5 today and get submitted to the Executive Committee quickly.

John AP moved and Bobby seconded to submit goals 2-5 to the Faculty Senate for an up or down vote on each goal individually. Motion was approved.

Need to look prerequisites of gen ed courses and talk about this as a policy.
Credit requirements – The committee discussed possible minimum number of credits for a general education course. Currently the breadth area is 45-48 credits. This discussion will continue.

Goal 1, 6 & 7 – Outcomes met that students would have a variety of venues to practice these. Need to have the learner outcomes on the website for gen ed. E-mail first impressions to Patsy. Then Patsy will send out to faculty.

Petitions/appeals (if any) - None

Adjournment at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting December 1st