

**Faculty Assembly Executive Council (FAEC) Meeting Minutes**  
**April 27, 2016**  
**ASB: 007-008**  
**9:30 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Attendees:** Roark Atkinson, Bonnie Blake, Desi Budeva (substitute for Susan Eisner), Susan Kurzmann, Ken McMurdy, Eva Ogens, Emma Rainforth, Rebecca Root

**Note:** Tae Kwak also attended as incoming FA President Elect for AY 2016-2017.

**Guests:** Sangha Padhy (GECCo chair), Michael Unger (GEIT) for item (5) below

- 1) Approval of FA and FAEC minutes from April 20, 2016
  - a. Both approved.
  
- 2) Announcements
  - a. Faculty Assembly will be needed on May 11<sup>th</sup> in order to hold votes on: (1) refreshed GECCo charge, (2) modified class schedule, and (3) report of the Rigor Task Force.
  
- 3) Discussion of current draft of refreshed GECCo charge
  - a. Add “resubmission” to “mechanism and criteria for the addition and removal of courses from the GE program.”
  - b. Director positions are ex-officio by virtue of office, but all are voting members except for the Vice-Provost.
  - c. In response to question about administrative support for directors, FYS reports to E. Daffron, others report to deans. Some assistance may be provided, but directors do receive release time and/or stipends.
  
- 4) Discussion of *GE Governance Group Criteria Document*. This is a companion document/appendix to the GECCo charge, which will be available on both the GECCo website and Vice-Provost’s website.
  - a. Add language of “rare exceptions” for 300 level GE courses.
  - b. Up to two GE courses may be double-counted (not limited to keystone experiences).
  - c. Clarify rule regarding required enrollment (15) for a GE course to run, particularly if it also serves a major or minor.
  
- 5) Discussion of GE issues, especially refreshed GECCo charge and Criteria Document with Sangha Padhy (GECCo) and Michael Unger (GEIT).
  - a. Michael Unger requests that a CA member assist in development of thumbnail for Culture and Creativity category. FAEC recommends

ad hoc addition of Bonnie Blake. (Emma will confer with E. Daffron and GE Steering Committee.)

- b. Michael Unger reports that GE outcomes should be decided by April 27<sup>th</sup>, but thumbnails will need more time to achieve consensus.
- c. GE distribution categories will need more time.
- d. No additional concerns raised over Criteria Document. However, all agree that incoming GECCo members should have an opportunity to give feedback. Plan to discuss document with new GECCo representatives following their election on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Moreover, FAEC recommends that new GECCo should have the opportunity to give additional feedback on criteria after the fall semester. (Target date: Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017)

Respectfully submitted by Ken McMurdy