Minutes
General Education Requirements Committee
Tuesday, 25 February 2020
Academic Affairs Conference Room AA 102, Zoom
2:30–4:30 p.m.

Attendance: Jennifer Attebery, Jim Skidmore, Shu-Yuan Lin, Spencer Jardine, Shannon Kobs Nawotniak, Matt Wilson, Tayo Omotowa, Paul Cady
Ex-officio: Cindy Hill, Ann Hackert, Sarah Mead, Mark Cooper, Susanne Forrest, Geoffrey Bennett (UCC), Catherine Read
Excused: Neil Tocher
Guests: none

1. Announcements –
   Welcome to Cindy Hill from Academic Affairs, replacing Joanne Tokle on GERC. Introductions all around. ISU Band Concert this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Academic Conduct Policy has been revised and open forums are being held for student and faculty input.

2. Minutes – vote via email

3. Program Review & Assessment updates – Ann Hackert
   a. Gen Ed Assignment Workshop scheduled for April 23 and 24
      Invitation cards sent around for members to look at. Daniel McInerney is returning in April to help facilitate a workshop with faculty who teach gen ed courses to share and discuss student assignments used in assessment. Assessment resources are posted on the website: https://www.isu.edu/assessment/
   b. Assessment Plan updates: Math and Physics
      Assessment Plans for the Astronomy course and lab have been developed. Ann Hackert has seen the plan, but it has not yet been submitted to GERC for review. Math department is working on their assessment plan for MATH 1143.

4. Objective 8 Working Group update – Spencer Jardine – group has not met recently, so nothing to report

5. Academic Affairs update – Cindy Hill – nothing to report

6. Upcoming GERC due dates:
   a. April 1, 2020 – Objective Review Committee (ORC) Reports due
      Objective 5 ORC: Shannon Kobs is still waiting for several departments’ Five-Year Reports and a few names of departmental faculty appointed to serve on the committee.

7. Unfinished Business
   a. Faculty Survey re: gen ed program and assessment
      Jardine gave a brief sketch of the survey and its intent. Attebery added the subcommittee wanted more in-depth feedback regarding ISU’s discretionary Objectives 7, 8, and 9, which are more easily modified than the statewide GEM Objectives 1 through 6. Discussion ensued, and members suggested several edits for the subcommittee to incorporate into the survey. GERC will review the revised draft next meeting and potentially approve for release to campus faculty.

   b. Review of annual Assessment Reporting
      More experienced members gave a few pointers on what to look for during the review to the members who are new to GERC. Further discussion was deferred until next meeting.

Objectives 1, 2 and 4: Jennifer Attebery and Neil Tocher
Objectives 3 and 5: Spencer Jardine and Shannon Kobs Nawotniak
Objectives 6 and 7: Tayo Omotowa and Jim Skidmore
Objectives 8 and 9: Shu-Yuan Lin and Matt Wilson

8. New Business – for discussion next meeting
   a. Frequently asked questions:
   c. Office of Assessment and Gen Ed Committee relationships and ideas
   d. Next Steps – where should GERC go from here? NWCCU accreditation review is next year…

9. Adjourn: 4:32 p.m.

Approved by GERC: April 20, 2020 via email ballot
Accepted by UCC: April 23, 2020
Accepted by Faculty Senate: April 27, 2020
Accepted by Academic Affairs: May 1, 2020