**General Education Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 29, 2019 at 4 p.m.**

**HSS 3035**

**Members present:** David Harding, Sarah Davidson, Gauri Guha, Lillie Fears, Hong Zhou, Kevin Humphrey, Robert Schichler, Zahid Hossain, Ferebee Tunno, Marc Williams, Bethany Seaton, Gary Edwards, Rebecca Oliver, Karen Yanowitz

**Ex-officio, non-voting members present:** Summer DeProw

**Staff Support:** Mary Elizabeth Spence, Madeline Prestidge

1. Meeting minutes from October 15, 2019

Motion: Seaton

2nd: Tunno

The minutes were approved.

1. Subcommittee quadrennial reviews

Harding opened the floor for each committee to share their progress. Davidson and Oliver said their committee’s reviews will be ready before fall break. Hossain said his subcommittee has met but is not sure if all reports will be fully ready by then. Yanowitz’s group has not met yet but is scheduled for November 4.

1. Book of Committees update

DeProw said there is no update as of today because there has been no movement within the Shared Governance Committee.

1. Update on reception of Gen Ed in Strategic Plan (WAGG Report)

Harding said the WAGG report has been submitted to various people and has not received responses yet. It has been discussed within the strategic planning process.

1. General Education Award

Yanowitz said there is currently a rough draft of criteria on the website that she recently updated. Her next goal is to contact the advisory committee for the awards so that she may get a better idea of how those work. They are now at a point in which they know what they’d like the award application to include, but there is a logistical problem. Yanowitz contacted Dr. Utter about presenting this award along with other university award. Utter was in favor of this as long as the advisory board is, too. Yanowitz’s ideal goal is that these applications are ready to go by November 1. She would like for there to be a subcommittee of four people who would evaluate the applications, then bring them to the committee to make a final decision.

**Old Business**

1. Social Science General Education Learning Outcomes

Harding said a lot of people are currently unhappy with some of the current outcomes because they are unclear. Oliver asked if it would be more appropriate to reassess this after the Strategic Plan has been rewritten. Seaton suggests that after courses are reviewed, the committees could review the same course’s learning outcomes; this way they are still fresh on the committee’s minds. DeProw pointed out that since we are at the end of year four, it would perhaps be good for a year off from assessing general education courses, and dedicate that year to looking at learning outcomes. Guha said it could be difficult for uniformity if there is separation; if everyone does it all together, this could be easier. Maybe revisit this after Christmas break.

Harding motions to adjourn, Oliver approved, and Hossain seconded.