

General Education Committee Meeting

May 11, 2016

Minutes

Center for Manufacturing Excellence Conference Room

1. Kathy Gates and Tony Ammeter led a discussion of technology across the curriculum. Discussion centered on how IT might better serve the needs of general education committee. Gates and Ammeter asked for feedback regarding several new web features.
2. Kate Kellum provided a summary of our ongoing General Education Assessment. She provided a brief update for each outcome area. We continue to collect data across the curriculum.
3. Kate Kellum led a discussion about possible improvements to our mapping of General Education Outcomes to our Courses within the Majors. Our General Education curriculum includes courses within the majors, not simply the first two years of coursework.
4. Bob Cummings provided a progress report on previously discussed plan to improve the teaching and assessment of Oral Communication. After review of data, all agreed that we need to take steps toward improving the breadth and depth of delivery in this area. This could include the hiring of an Oral Communications Coordinator and the hiring of additional speech faculty to teach more sections of Speech 102 and/or 105.
5. Kate shared information about an upcoming AAC&U General Education Conference and asked the group to consider sending a team to this or some such future conference.

Lifelong learning skills outcomes

Mathematical reasoning

Written and oral communication

Analytical reasoning/critical thinking (evaluation and analysis of complex material and sources of

Ethical reasoning/responsibility

Enabling skills

Information literacy skills: the ability to

- define information needs;
- identify and locate available sources;
- evaluate the validity, authority, point of view or bias, and usefulness of information; and
- employ information in an ethical way.