

General Education & Diversity
Sub Meet & Confer Notes
January 13, 2014

Present: Anne Dahlman, Dan Cronn-Mills, Maria Bevacqua, Marge Murray-Davis, Andi Lassiter, Mary Hadley, Dick Liebendorfer, Queen Booker, Justine Martin (recorder)

1. Reviewing Writing Intensive Proposals

Presently the FA Gen Ed and Diversity committee sends writing intensive course proposals to Kristi Cole, Writing across the Curriculum coordinator, to get input from the WAC committee. They send their recommendation back to the FA Gen Ed and Diversity committee for review and final vote. This process should be reviewed before the end of the WAC coordinator's first term. Gen Ed and Diversity should also ensure the learning outcomes in the proposal align with the 2013 WAC report. Long and short-term assessment needs to be discussed.

2. Review of Gen Ed Courses

There is no systematic review of gen ed courses once they have been approved. Possible solutions were discussed including alerting new instructors of gen ed courses to the purpose of specific goal areas, offering meetings to discuss goal areas with faculty teaching in specific goal areas, and creating a standard policy describing the goal area for new instructors of gen ed courses.

3. Online Diversity Courses

There is a need for more online purple and gold diversity courses. Unanswered questions include how many online purple or gold courses are currently being offered and how do students in online only programs complete their diversity requirements.

4. Engineering Waiver for Writing Intensive Requirement

Each year Gen Ed extends a writing intensive requirement waiver for some engineering programs. Do we still need to do this? Specific programs will be contacted about the waiver beyond 2014-15.

5. Removing Writing Intensive Requirement from a Course

After reviewing proposal 5073, programs removing the writing intensive component of a course can modify a course rather than withdraw and submit it as a new course.

6. Other

December 9 minutes were approved. Future Gen Ed and Diversity Sub Meet dates include February 6, March 6, April 3, and May 1.