GEAC Notes

November 4, 2014

Attendees: Mark Van Selst (Chair / Video), Mary Ann Creadon (Vice Chair / Convenor), Elizabeth Adams, Joseph Bielanski (Video), Terri Eden (Video), Robert Collins, Susan Gubernat, David Hood, Kathy Kaiser, Catherine Nelson (Video), Ken O’Donnell, Barry Pasternack, Mark Wheeler (Phone / Video), Jeff Spano, John Stanskas, Michael Adams, Bill Eadie (Video)

Guests: Michelle Pilati, Wayne Tikannen.

Absent: Steven Filling, Chris Mallon, Sara Sanders

Note on Attendance: Sara Sanders is no longer on Geac, Michael Adams represents CSSA, Bill Eadie replaces Sara Sanders.

NOVEMBER 2014 GEAC REPORT TO ASCSU

AP courses/exams \(\rightarrow\) “Credit by Exam”

1. Titles of some AP exams have changed, this likely reflects a content shift in the course/exam coverage. E.g., SPANISH \(\rightarrow\) SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. We will confirm with discipline faculty that the appropriateness of the relevant GE area remains where there are changes in content. Where there are not substantive changes the title in the “credit by exam” memo will be changed.

2. AP Seminar: will be included into the “credit by exam” memo as three units but without a particular area of GE associated with it – this reflects the variability in possible offerings [it was originally thought that critical thinking might be an appropriate home but a consultancy group revealed that it might not be an appropriate fit in all cases].

3. AP Research: we will ask college board to present to GEAC at January re: AP research.

Linked Learning (CCC)

1. Health science pathways are the focus of a variety of experiences (block scheduling and other preparation paradigms)

EO 1065 proposed revisions

1. The dropping of area D sub-areas was discussed in SPRING 2014 and is being executed via this proposed EO.
2. The inclusion of STEM-based modifications to CSU GE realize discussions going back to 2010 and as recently as 2014 via the proposed EO.

3. The inclusion of minimum grades is in flux. The original EO revision proposed a minimum grade of C (2.0) for the golden four (oral communication, written communication, critical thinking, quantitative reasoning) – concerns regarding implementation concerns and possible difficulties in transfer led to a possible revision to a C- (1.7) minimum grade. One possibility is to align minimum GE certification criteria to entry requirements. It is also possible that minimum grades in GE (there are currently none) be delayed in implementation to a later update to EO1065.

4. Possibility of a change to use “Performance” and/or “Fine” Art will be held to a future revision of EO 1065.

ITL

1. this was the last GEAC meeting for Wayne Tikannen; there should be a new ITL director in place for January 2015.

2. The various “interest groups” that were established over the last year or so (CTE task-force etc.) have been active.

COMPASS

1. wrap-up conference for FEB 12-14 at Sacramento State, with a STEM-based pre-conference on Thursday Feb 12 to discuss the possible future of a “system minor”

WICHE

1. The current passport (Writing, Oral Comm, Quantitative) will expand to include Critical Thinking. Options for how to establish parity with our CCC transfers within California will have to be addressed.

2. These WICHE-based opportunities pair well with initiatives such as LEAP, COMPASS, etc.

Community College
1. System office efforts to ensure other districts do not find themselves in the same situation as CCSF.

2. Fall C-ID efforts are potentially handicapped by review lags.

3. There is a future TMC in computer science that is “very close” and could be potentially resolved with a computer-science based GE course or course sequence.

NOTES

1. Approval of agenda (Creadon)
2. Review of notes (Van Selst)
   a. **ACTION**: approval delayed till after lunch to provide more time to review, **APPROVED**.
3. Segment Updates
   a. CSU Administration (O'Donnell)
   b. CCC Administration (Spano)
   c. CSU Senate (Eadie)
   d. CCC Senate (Stanskas)
4. College Board
   a. Credit by exam policy: Revision to College Board Language test titles (O'Donnell, Eden)
      i. The changes to exam title/content are generally along the lines of “Spanish Language” → “Spanish Language and Culture”. These changes will be
   b. Credit by exam policy: AP Capstone and AP Research, response from ad hoc interest group (Van Selst)
5. National and Regional Developments
   a. Give Students a Compass (David)
   b. WICHE Interstate Passport (David)
   c. AAC&U Collaboratives (David)
6. Linked Learning: Pathways to the Baccalaureate (Pilati)
7. Revision of EO 1065: Executive Order for GE Breadth (O'Donnell)
8. Institute for Teaching and Learning (Tikkanen)
9. Online GE (Van Selst)
10. Access to Excellence (Eadie)
11. Legislative Action
    a. CCC Baccalaureate degrees
12. Adjourn