

Meeting Notes

Item	Description
Name/Title	General Education Review Committee
Date	November 12, 2014
Time	11:00-noon
Location	200 McKenny
Members Attending	Zenia Bahorski, Doug Baker, Chris Foreman (co-chair), Christopher Gardiner, Lisa Klopfer, John Koolage (co-chair), Gerald Newberry, Mariana Nicolae, Mary Rearick, Bob Winning
Absent	Konnie Kustron, Peggy Liggitt (excused).

Subcommittee Updates

Criteria 1 and 2: Mission/Integrity

Subcommittee came up with a list of five questions that could be part of the proposed department head survey and will distribute this list to the committee via email for feedback and additions. Data collection will be discussed further at the December 3rd meeting.

Quantitative Data

IRIM is recoding some of quantitative data and examining the comparative data. At their suggestion, John Koolage is meeting with University Advising.

Mariana Nicolae will be added to the subcommittee covering criteria 3 and 4 (Teaching and Learning).

Instructor Survey Results

The following themes were identified in the comments:

- Lack of effective writing.
- Concern that math requirement is too weak.
- Calls for a technology requirement.
- Criticism of LBC: not needed and too hard to track.
- Concern about assessment of courses previously approved. Quality control after vetting.
- General Education courses are not sufficiently rigorous.
- Too many General Education courses, but also praise for the variety of choices.
- General Education increases time to graduation, but other comments say need more courses.
- Perception that the program is a credit hour grab without academic foundation.
- Students not being made aware of benefits of General Education.
- Overlap between General Education courses and required courses in a major.
- View of General Education as remediation.
- Purpose/value of General Education. Includes diversity and global awareness.
- Who is teaching General Education courses?
- Administrative resources and support.

The committee discussed structural and PR themes and its role in identifying concerns.

Action Items

Next meeting: Subcommittee updates and next actions.
Department Head survey questions to be discussed via email.