**General Education Council Minutes – April 30, 2013**

**Members Present**:

Jeff Allender (Coll of Lib Arts)

Joe McGarrity (Coll of Bus)

Susan Gatto (Coll of HBS)

Carey Smitherman (Coll of FAC)

Kondwani Phwandaphwanda (CAR – Music)

Carl Olds (CAR – Film)

Colby Qualls (SGA)

Mary Beth Sullivan (CAR – Poli Sci)

Charles Watson (Coll of NSM)

Conrad Shumaker (Ex-officio, GEC Chair)

Kurt Bonecki (Ex-officio, Provost’s Office)

Joanna Castner-Post (Ex-officio, GEC Chair-elect)

Wendy Castro (Ex-officio, Dir of Assessment)

**Members Absent:**

Lisa Daniels (Coll of Ed)

Lorien Foote (CAR – History)

Lori Isom (CAR – Chemistry)

Jim Deitrick (CAR – Phil & Rel)

Renee LeBeau-Ford (Ex-officio, Library)

**AGENDA for Apr. 30 Meeting:**

1.  Approval of previous minutes

2.  GEC Elections

3.  Approval of Rubrics

**1. Approval of previous minutes**

April 2 minutes – unanimously approved

**2. GEC Elections**

According to the Provost, structure of the GEC will remain the same for the 13-14 Academic Year, regardless of the Faculty Senate vote from April

Recent elections were held, with the following faculty members elected to the GEC:

Kim Eskola (KPED)

Cindy Shelton (HSC)

David Welky (HIST)

Questions were asked about future GEC changes—limits for faculty from departments, whether the faculty member has to teach Gen Ed courses

**3. Approval of Rubrics**

PILOT PHASE is beginning—draft rubrics are up on the GEC website

pilot rubrics will be used twice, then finalized rubrics will be used twice before looking at substantial rerwrites

Oral Communications rubric: Gatto **MOVE** to approve / Olds **SECOND. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Written Communications rubric: Olds **MOVE** to approve / Sullivan **SECOND**

 amendment to remove bolds and asterisks for standardization approved

 **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Communication / Collaboration Rubric: Sullivan **MOVE** to approve / Gatto **SECOND**. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Critical Inquiry 2A rubric: Gatto **MOVE** to approve / Sullivan **SECOND**. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Critical Inquiry 2B rubric: discussion about changes from draft

 draft was math-specific, but other departments besides math can offer courses

rubrics need to be general (work for the goals in the area) but specific (to fit specific classes or assignments)

Olds **MOVE** to table (no SECOND)

Motion **APPROVED** 5-3 (Watson, Olds, Sullivan dissenting) + 2 proxy in favor

Responsible Living rubric: Sullivan **MOVE** to approve / Gatto **SECOND**. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Critical Inquiry 1A rubric: discussion about making progress toward the outcome vs. just assessing small-picture

 Sullivan **MOVE** to approve / McGarrity **SECOND**

 discussion and rewriting of the rubric

 Revised rubric **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Diversity rubric: discussion about the wording

 **MOTION** to approve ?

 Rubric **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**Meeting and Semester Adjourned**