MINUTES OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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Members present: N. Bengiamin (LCE), P. Crosbie (Chair, CSM), K. Dunbar (DOSA, ex officio), P-C Ho (CSM), M. Jendian (CSS), S. Montana (CHHS), D. Nef (Provost), C. Perez (CSS), U. Ramlan (AS), L.Taylor-Hamm (CSB).

Members absent, (un-appointed or un-elected):

S. Adisasmito-Smith (CAH), (rep from JCAST, second rep from AS)

Guest: S. Schlievert (KSOEHD).

Chair Crosbie called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. in Haak Academic Affairs Conference Room, Madden Library 4164.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve agenda as submitted.
2. Approval of the Minutes of 7 March 2014. MSC to approve minutes as submitted.
3. Communications and Announcements
4. Report from academic Senate re. voting rights of DOSA rep. No vote was cast by the Senate. The matter was referred to the Senate Executive Committee, who were tasked with reviewing the composition of all senate standing committees and voting privileges of each member, including students.
5. New Course Proposal, 1st Reading:
* CSM 10 (Area A3) and CSM 15 (Area E) – committee to evaluate before next meeting, using Evaluation rubrics for Areas A3 (to be created) and E.
1. Engineering degrees: preliminary proposal and associated documents from The Lyles College of Engineering outlining how to reduce the units required for their 5 externally accredited degrees,

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in response to the CSU system wide requirement that ALL bachelor’s degrees be capped at 120 units.

Discussion of all 5 degrees: Mechanical, Electrical, Computer, Civil and Geomatics Engineering. It was noted that there is a failure at the system level to recognize that external accreditation requirements necessitate that Engineering degrees should exceed 120 units, or engineers are not adequately trained. This places undue burden on individual campuses to seek solutions, an illogical multiplication of effort across the system.

MSC unanimously to:

Allow each degree to count courses within the major for GE Areas C1 and IC, reducing the degree to either 123 or 124 units (dependent on degree), but maintain the requirement for a course in Area MI outside the college.

The committee unanimously agreed that a course in MI is too important to be either exempted or taught within the college.

1. Program review

External reviewers to be identified and selected by next meeting. Reports from OIE not yet received.

7. Adjournment: 1:26 PM, next meeting 4th April 2014.