

# **Academic Affairs Meeting Minutes**

## **Monday, October 2, 2023 at 4:00pm**

### **In-person, Memorial Union – Lincoln Room**

Attendees: Liviu Florea (for Dion Harnowo for fall 2023), Karen Camarda, Jennifer Ball (ex-officio), Beth O'Neill (ex-officio), Michelle Heusi, Lara Rivera, Deborah Altus, Tonya Ricklefs, Sarah Holt, Kara Kendall-Morwick

Guests: Stephanie Lanning, Dion Harnowo

The meeting was called to order by Deborah Altus at 4:00 pm.

- I. Approvals
  - a. Minutes from the meeting held on Monday, September 18 were presented. A motion for approval was made by Lara Rivera and seconded by Karen Camarda. Motion passed.
  
- II. Action Items
  - a. Proposals to replace Global Citizenship, Ethics, and Diversity (GED) university student learning outcome (USLO) with the Non Nobis Solum (NNS) USLO.
    - i. Kara Kendall-Morwick notes that there was a recommendation from the Academic Diversity and Inclusion committee for an editorial change to the second sentence, from "This requires respecting diversity" to "An inclusive community that values diversity". Jennifer Ball noted no concern with the editorial change, on behalf of the General Education committee.
    - ii. Committee discussed feedback regarding the proposal received via email from Dmitri Nizovtsev and via handout from Barbara Scofield.
    - iii. Kara Kendall-Morwick provided feedback from the perspective of the Academic Diversity and Inclusion committee.
    - iv. Committee discussion ensued.
    - v. Based on feedback from his constituents and feedback sent to the committee, Liviu Florea made a motion to table the proposal and send it back to General Education for additional consideration. Second by Michelle Heusi.

- a. The committee discussed the process and timing of General Education meeting. Noted concerns can be voiced also at Faculty Senate meeting on October 9, 2023.
  - b. The committee also discussed the timing of the approval and the urgency of moving this ahead.
  - c. Concerns were voiced that language pertaining to ethics were not in the proposal and use of the motto for one specific requirement would be a disservice to the university.
  - d. Discussion ensued.
  - e. Vote to table and send back to General Education Committee: in favor - 2, opposed - 5, abstain - 2.
  - f. Motion fails.
- vi. Back to discussion on the original motion.
- a. Committee discussed General Education Committee processes and selection of the USLO.
  - b. Motion to replace Global Citizenship, Ethics, and Diversity (GED) university student learning outcome (USLO) with the Non Nobis Solum (NNS) USLO, with the editorial change noted earlier in the meeting, by Kara Kendall-Morwick. Seconded by Tonya Ricklefs. Vote – in favor - 5, opposed - 2, abstain - 2.
  - c. Motion passed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kara Kendall-Morwick and seconded by Tonya Ricklefs to conclude the meeting at 4:37 pm.

Minutes taken by Holly Broxterman.