General Education Committee Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2016, in Faculty Senate, JUB 100

Committee members attending: Kari Neely, Andrew Owusu, Brandi Lindsey, Charles C. Chusuei, Aimee Holt, Philip Loubere, John Zamora, Georganne Ross, Yang Soo Kim, Greg Nagel, Willis Means, Keying Ding, Nancy Caukin, and Amy Sayward

Others attending: Sheila Otto, Michelle Boyer-Pennington, Chris Brewer

Business:

Michelle Boyer-Pennington, who was the subcommittee chair of the SLO (student learning outcome) portion of the QEP (Quality Enhancement Project) began by talking about the upcoming SACS reaccreditation on-campus visit and the differences between the last QEP on experiential learning and the new QEP, MT Engage. She also explained that the university was looking to hire a QEP director and assessment director. She also urged interested faculty to take advantage of upcoming trainings, which would focus on the reflection and integrative learning components and which would compensate faculty who participated. Dr. Boyer-Pennington pointed out that such training was required for a class to have an MT Engage designation.

A motion to approve the minutes of the past meeting (with spelling corrections) was moved by Nancy Caukin, seconded by John Zamora, and passed unanimously.

It was announced that the schedule of the subcommittees would be forthcoming and that the last full committee meeting would be April 15, 2016. The focus of that meeting would be the Geosciences General Education proposal for Physical Geography (PGEO 1030), which the department had developed with help from Sheila Otto and Aimee Holt.

The subcommittees (Assessment headed by Aimee Holt and Policies and Procedures headed by Sheila Otto) then met separately to prepare for their upcoming business.