Pending Final Approval

COMMITTEE: Foundations Curriculum and Instructional Effectiveness

DATE: Monday, October 20, 2014, 2:00 pm

PERSON PRESIDING: George Bailey

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Albers, Gregory Lapicki, Marieke Van Willingen, Douglas Monroe, Purificación Martínez, Michelle Wallen

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ying Zhou

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Burrell Montz, Chad Ross, Jeff Ward

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ACTIONS OF THE MEETING

1. Approval of minutes of September 8th, 2014


5. Workgroup on ECU General Education requirements. The Gen Ed Working Group is being populated; the exact charge of the Working Group is still unknown. THCAS is working on recommendations to the Gen Ed Working Group. Chair Bailey is part of this effort by the THCAS. He will keep the committee informed of developments and ask for help from committee members if needed.

6. Foundations Assessment Report Review Update. Evaluation form much easier to use. IPAR has determined that more involvement of deans and chairs was necessary, so from now on chairs will have to sign off in forms before departmental faculty submit them. All reports for FC have been submitted except 2, they are in the process of being submitted. The reports from departments are still hit and miss. Chair Bailey will keep the committee informed of developments if any.

7. General Administration (UNC system level) Task Force on Gen Ed. General Administration wants ETS to develop test on communication skills and critical thinking skills to be given to all students in the UNC system. ETS will define critical thinking skills, faculty from all campuses will provide questions for the goals as they have been defined by ETS. Every campus most likely will have some questions to ask their own students.
8. Other Business: SPOTS technology update. IPAR Director Ying Zhou asked permission from committee to update the technology related to administration of SPOTS surveys. Approval was given. Zhou also informed the committee of frequent comments by faculty that SPOTS surveys are not useful. Discussion about the merits of the surveys ensued. In the future, it might be advisable to form a subcommittee of the FCIE committee to revise the content of the surveys, but no immediate plans were determined at this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Purificació Martínez, Secretary