

## **General Education Committee Minutes: 9/22/2022**

**Present:** Victor Piercey (Director of General Education), Michele Harvey (CET), Katie Kalata (COB), David Scott (FLITE), Monica Frees (RSS), and Katherine Wolfer (Senate Liaison).

**Absent:** Rachel Faulk (CASE), Angela Ryan (Professional Advisors), Andrew Peterson (EIO), Rhonda Bishop (CHP), Mandy Seiferlein (Academic Affairs)

11 am – 12 noon, Zoom

1. Approval of Agenda: **Approved Unanimously**
2. Announcement: Sarah Rescoe has to step off the committee and we will need someone to represent non-tenured/tenure-track.
3. Consent Agenda
  - Minutes from 8 September 2022  
**Approved Unanimously**
4. Proposals:
  - None
5. Discussion: Gen Ed Advisory Board

A question was posed: For an advisory board, how would select them? What would they contribute? If we included community members, might they need an “Introduction to Ferris”? There is a concern about community members bringing in their own agendas.

Mindset was focusing on how our students who work in the community interact with the community while students. We could also look for alumni in the community.

One possibility is to look for representatives of one, two, or three local employers of current students. They could be recruited through the local Chamber of Commerce.

Student representative: A one-year term makes sense. They should be recruited and committed in the prior spring term. A voting student rep would count towards quorum. We may want them to provide a symbolic vote to express the voice of the students in votes on matters that impact them. Officially they would be a nonvoting member.

To recruit a student member, we could ask student government to select someone in spring.

### GE Advisory Board

Size as imagined in the draft looks good, will only get a percentage of members at any given meeting.

We also need to find criteria for selection in each category.

Recruitment for employers: start with internship coordinators for colleges or programs. Could get multiple candidates – this would allow us to pick and choose in a way that brings diversity of employer types onto the board (small vs. large corporate employers).

Term: Could have the initial term be one year at a time and then make longer-term commitments afterwards (entire boards). This could be a pilot year. Then the board members could provide input on terms. This would allow the board to develop a culture and norms.

Criteria: Might want individuals that represent employers to have more than 5 years of experience in industry. Maybe we want a little longer. They also should have some supervisory responsibilities.

Recruitment for alumni: for criteria, maybe want a range. Some with around 5 years of experience, some with more. Recruitment could come from alumni organization, departments, and colleges. For example, a department could select from their own advisory boards.

Recruitment for CC reps: Could contact school to identify faculty in those courses, or academic advisors. Maybe find contact person for academic advisors at each CC.