

COGE Minutes  
5/5/23

Attendance: J. Zornado (chair); K. Almeida; W. Martin; J. Dagle; M. Reddy; E. Simson; B. Caouette; S. Oliveira; J. Capece; E. Miller; H. Shadooian; D. Gill; S. Costa

Excused: P. Gullapalli; S. Ross; R. Krauss

Guests: M. Michaud; R. Sparks; S. Basu

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02am

Action Item 1:

- English 264 proposal was unanimously approved

Action Item 2:

- Econ 235 was approved (with one abstention) along with a requested correction to align grading policy statements in the proposal forms with RIC's grading policy

Action Item 3:

- BPS proposal to amend program language regarding Math requirements was passed 10 in favor, 2 against, and 1 abstention.

Task Force Updates:

- K. Almeida reported that the Task Force remains on track and hopes to submit its proposed recommendations to the Provost in the fall term of 2023. Meanwhile, the Task Force continues to work on establishing Learning Outcomes, Knowledge Domains, and other programmatic features. There will be another round of

New Business:

B. Caouette noted that the library has lost another reference librarian (Tish Brennan) which means the library now has only two reference librarians (down from four). Discussion followed. COGE drafted and endorsed the following statement to be sent to the Director of the Library and Provost/VPAA:

“COGE believes that current staffing levels in the library put at risk the library’s ability to deliver on its educational mission to support students and faculty in FYS, FYW and nearly all other courses in General Education. COGE urges the administration to address this problem directly by hiring at least one reference librarian as soon as possible.”