

COGE report to UCC 5/6/22

COGE met on May 6 via Zoom and discussed the following agenda items:

1. Comm 220 proposal: B. Knoth shared his revised Gen Ed proposal to make Comm 220 a distribution course option for General Education credit. COGE received and accepted the revisions with a unanimous vote.
2. M. Michaud shared the Writing Board's proposal to change the relationship between COGE, WID, and the Writing Board. The proposal was for COGE to transfer oversight of WID to the Writing Board. The chair of the Writing Board would no longer be a member of COGE. Discussion followed. A vote followed, 11 in favor, 2 abstentions. The proposal passed.
3. The ad hoc subcommittee to study General Education update: K. Almeida shared the ad hoc committee's report on the Qualtrics faculty poll to determine if a General Education Task force should be formed to review and possibly revise General Education. 42% of full-time faculty responded 124 FT faculty (294 total) and 18 adjunct faculty. With representation from all schools/divisions across the college and of all ranks of faculty members, 82% of respondents (n= 142) support forming a task force to review and potentially revise gen ed.

Recommendation to COGE

1. Based on the results of the faculty poll, the Ad Hoc subcommittee formally recommends a task force be created to review and potentially revise the general education program at RIC.
2. In the creation of a task-force, it is important that all faculty have the opportunity to volunteer to participate and that faculty are chosen with the broadest possible representation including division, rank, discipline and demographics.
3. To acknowledge the size and importance of this task, the administration should offer some form of compensation for participation.
4. In the open call for volunteers, it would be helpful to offer a timeframe of the commitment (expectations for the length of the commitment, frequency of meetings and time of meetings) so that faculty can ensure they have allotted the time to devote to the task force.

COGE votes unanimously to receive and approve of the ad hoc committee's recommendations and send them to the Provost.

Respectfully submitted,

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