

COGE minutes 3/4/22

Attendance via Zoom:

J. Zornado (Chair); K. Almeida; M. Michaud; S. Oliveira; J. Dalge; B. Caouette; S. Costa; H. Shadoian; M. Reddy; J. Capece; E. Miller; W. Martin

Excused

E. Simson; D. Gill; T. Ender.

Guests: A. Barlow; G. Rawson

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

1. The Library's revised Learning Outcome proposal

Our first order of business was to receive and discuss the Library's proposal to update and revise the current "research fluency" Learning Outcome with a new title, definition, and assessment rubric. A. Barlow explained the "research fluency" language of the current learning outcome is out of step with professional standards and best practices. Discussion followed. Support was widespread though some concerns were raised about the precise language of the new Learning Outcome in terms of its title and how it might be interpreted by various disciplines. There as a motion to approve and robust discussion followed; G. Rawson suggested a friendly amendment to revise the title, which was accepted, voted on, and approved after which the proposal to update and revise the Learning Outcome -- now named "Research and Information Literacy"-- was unanimously approved. Next steps will include communication with faculty who are responsible for teaching courses informed by this learning outcome.

2. Connections Proposal

COGE received G. Rawson's Connections proposal for a revised Philosophy 261. Discussion was supportive and the proposal was unanimously approved.

3. Ad hoc Committee to Study General Education

K. Almeida updated COGE about the progress of the newly formed committee. K. Almeida will chair the committee. Membership includes representatives from all five schools and COGE: Donna Huntley, Suchandra Basu, Jesse Capece, Stephanie Costa, Mike Michaud, Charlie McLaughlin, and Jessica Pearson. The committee has met once with the Provost to receive her charge: to determine by the end of the semester whether to revise General Education, and if so, to what degree, and to make a recommendation to COGE. The ad hoc committee was advised to use the information COGE has already gathered while also communicating with other stake holders, including faculty, CCRI and URI. Discussion followed. The committee will meet again in March to begin the process.

The meeting ended at 10:29 am.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Zornado

