**General Education Advisory Council**

Friday, January 19th, 2018

12:00-1:00PM

Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus: U-102

Collier: M-201

**Minutes**

Attendees: Professor Don Ransford, Dr. Brian Page, Professor Jane Charles, Professor Bill Van Glabek, Dr. Kelly Roy, Dr. Martin McClinton, Professor Myra Walters, Professor Sindee Karpel, Dr. Deborah Teed

Absent: Dr. Wendy Chase, Professor Erik Fay, Dr. Rebecca Harris, Dr. Eileen DeLuca,

1. Dr. Page provided information that the state-wide committee would be meeting in early February in hopes of making a final decision.

2. The Chair announced that he had spoken with Professor Fernando Mayoral (Chair, Speech and Foreign Language) about the possible addition of courses in *American Sign Language* as a means of students meeting the foreign language requirement at FSW. Professor Mayoral related that they are now in discussion with Dr. Teed (Dean, SoAHSS) about the feasibility in terms of logistics, availability of certified faculty and costs.

3. Each sub-committee provided an update on their progress in the review process of General Education, Writing Intensive, International/Diversity Focus and Oral Communications. Some had already met and others had not, but all had begun exploring criteria.

Professor Jane Charles suggested developing and distributing an electronic survey to faculty for her group for front-end input prior to putting too much effort in the development of criteria based on the opinions of a handful of personnel. A healthy discussion led to the decision to expand the survey to include all sub-groups and to be sent to all full-time and part-time faculty.