**General Education Advisory Council**

Friday, March 16th, 2018

2:00-3:00PM

Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus: U-202B

Collier: By Phone

**Minutes**

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

Absent: Dr. Wendy Chase, Dr. Rebecca Harris, Professor Shawn Moore

Guest: Whitney Rhyne, Director of Strategic Initiatives

1. No meaningful information had been received from the state yet concerning the methods for exempting students from the new civic literacy requirement. The plan is for Dr. Page to move forward in updating the course objectives in the syllabi for AMH 2020 and POS 2041 to reflect the language outlined in the legislative mandate. These will be submitted to the Curriculum Committee at the end of March as information items pending Dr. Stewart’s approval.

2. Whitney Rhyne was present and shared information about the *One Book – One College* initiative which she had compiled following a meeting with Dr. Harris. She had researched similar programs that had been implemented at other institutions and lists of books that had been recommended for these types of events. A discussion followed concerning a feasible timeline for implementation. The decision was to form an ad hoc committee through the Faculty Senate made up of interested faculty from a variety of disciplines, student(s) and appropriate staff members. The ad hoc committee would meet to decide on a reading selection and to discuss innovative methods of encouraging participation including the invitation of the author and/or faculty and community members to speak on campus. In Spring 2019, the reading selection will be announced, faculty will be highly encouraged to incorporate the selection into their Fall 2019 lesson plans, and a calendar of events for Fall 2019 will be constructed. Fall 2019 will see the implementation of the *One Book – One College* program and work will begin on the reading selection for the second event in Fall 2020. Then in Spring 2020, the Fall 2019 event will be evaluated leading to possible suggestions for improvement as well as announcing the second reading selection for Fall 2020.

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. All had made some progress. The committee would like to have these ready for submission to the Faculty Senate for review in Fall 2018.

4. Minutes for February 16, 2018, were approved.