Present: Rachel Bolus, Patrick Clarke, Anne Diekema, Lindsay Fullerton, Jordan Henson, Randy Johnson, Jon Karpel, Krystal McCoy, Johnny MacLean, Julie Pynn, Nathan Werner, and Alison Adams

Guests: Jim Brandt, Frank Hall, Mary Pearson

I. Approval of Minutes from February 10th, 2020 Meeting
   A. Motion by Julie Pynn second by Jordan Henson – Approved

II. Announcements
   A. TBD about AAC&U conference
      i. Those attending will need to make decision to attend or not
   B. CIG grants are still available - Global Diversity in GE and Beyond

III. Discussion Items
   A. FIN 2870 Personal Finance: A Discussion
      1. Presentation by Jim Brandt – Department Chair, Mathematics
         a) Math GE Courses cover general mathematical principles and are applied across disciplines, there is a concern that a Financial Literacy course is not general enough to be applied this way.
         b) Concern regarding meeting the requirements in the R470
         c) Why is Quantitative Literacy required? We want students to be able to apply QL skills to their disciplines and throughout the world. A specific context of QL does not allow students to use QL to be an informed citizen.
      2. Presentation by Mary Pearson – Dean, School of Business
         a) The FIN 2870 course is not currently eligible for QL designation, but the course would be changed to meet the requirements.
         b) The purpose of the proposal is to meet the QL objectives, not to be a math class.
         c) Presentation of document detailing how the course would meet the QL requirements.
         d) Questions:
            i. How would a student be successful in this course without a basic understanding of basic algebra?
               a. Assumption is if a student graduates from high school they would have the understanding needed to be successful.
            ii. Do students taking the course ever struggle with the quantitative component?
               a. The current course does not include this much quantitative reasoning, so unknown.
            iii. Does MATH 1030/1041 require pre-requisite?
               a. Yes, some 900 level math and MATH 1010
               b. Also, Alex scores, ACT Math
            iv. Do any other schools offer a course that is not in MATH for QL?
a. Not really, some schools have two quantitative requirements.

3. Presentation by Jordan Henson – SUUSA Student Rep
   a) Jordan has engaged students in the conversation to get their perspective. Sent out a survey.
   b) Overview of survey results
   c) Being able to take FIN 2870 to fulfill the QL requirement is what students want.

4. GE Committee Discussion
   a) What percent of students could take FIN 2870 as their QL? Students that don’t need higher math for their degrees?
      i. Higher math required in at least College of Science & Engineering and School of Business, as well as some Psychology students.
   b) Financial literacy isn’t made to be easier, but more engaging.
   c) If FIN 2870 is an option, students need to know that they might have to take additional math for their major.
   d) Concern that the focus on QL would be lost in the focus on financial literacy.

5. FIN 2870 discussion tabled
   a) Will continue discussion in April

B. Prior Learning – tabled

C. GE’s role in students’ holistic wellbeing
   1. Question to consider: how can the GE curriculum contribute to student’s holistic wellbeing?
      a) Psychology is working on multiple fronts – Ex. Drafting syllabi language, CAPS more accessible etc.

D. GE Advisors Lunch debrief
   1. Advisors appreciate that the GE Committee recognizes the value of the experience of advisors.
   2. Need to continue to work to solidify themes that were discussed.
   3. Improving communication with advisors regarding newly passed GE courses
      a) Try having Randy update advisors from the minutes.
   4. Finding ways to increase the positivity around GE.
      a) Workshop with advisors on how to talk about GE.
      b) Give advisors language
      c) GE videos will help as well

E. Workgroup updates
   1. None

Meeting adjourned 5:26 pm