Gary Laver, General Education Governance Board (GEGB) Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Administrative Tasks

1. The GEGB is reminded to review course proposals for CAED, CAFES, and the revised submission for MSCI 111 for tomorrow’s meeting.

Area A Discussion

1. The GEGB discussed the current Cal Poly requirements for Area A as well as the guidelines from EO 1100-R in order to create preliminary guidelines and recommendations to share with the Area A work group.

   a. The GEGB discussed if there was an opportunity to streamline and synthesize (where appropriate) the educational objectives and course criteria. Objectives seem to be student-focused and criteria seem to be curriculum- or faculty-focused, which leads to some confusion. This consideration could also be applied to the other GE Area work groups, too.

      i. One concern is that, by removing the distinction between objective and criteria, certain crucial details could get lost.
ii. Because there will be a member of GEGB on each work group, there will be constant oversight, which should limit the risk of a relevant goal getting lost in translation.

b. The GEGB also discussed if there is a potential expansion into the courses that could get offered under the new EO 1100-R guidelines.
   i. The goal should be to craft the objectives that experts are teaching the content; there should not be a limitation or framing that prohibits certain disciplines from submitting course proposals. EO 1100-R seeks to remove the ownership of certain subareas to specific programs.
      1. For instance, if there is a specific course regarding “writing within the discipline” that meets the objectives for teaching the writing process but comes from a non-traditional department, then the GEGB would consider.
      2. The GEGB noted that there is a six-year sunset clause for classes that have not been taught. The hope is that the course is owned by a department and not one or two individuals.
      3. The course renewal process will continue to evaluate how the course is being offered and who is teaching it.
   ii. GEGB will continue to find ways to share the course proposal process with departments to encourage creativity and an expansion of proposals across disciplines.

c. The GEGB discussed the connection between the Area A and Diversity and Inclusion work groups. Area A could be a strong opportunity to include diversity, equity, and inclusion goals in the curriculum.

d. The GEGB discussed the requirement that Area A has to be completed before Area C, Area D, and Area E classes can be taken. There is a requirement within EO 1110-R that there are multiple sections offered in the “Golden Four” cohort of classes to prevent barriers to graduation from occurring.

e. The GEGB considered the Cal Poly writing intensive objective.
   i. While inherently included in Area A, it’s not necessarily a focus during course renewal and should be.
   ii. The GEGB encouraged a focus during course renewal to ensure appropriate course caps and writing-intensive strategies.
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AREA A WORK GROUP

1. Consider endorsing swapping the labels between the current A1 and A2 classes with EO 1100-R.
2. Retain writing intensive courses in A1 and A3.
3. Analyze course cap suggestions for each area.
4. Consider how educational objectives and course criteria are structured and if they are designed more for faculty than for students.
5. Collaborate with Diversity and Inclusion work group to create certain objectives and criteria related to that topic within Area A.

ACTION ITEMS

1. September 27 minutes will be reviewed on October 5.
2. Area B will be the focus on October 11.

FUTURE TOPICS

1. Thursday, October 18 – Area C
2. Thursday, October 25 – Area D/E

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 11, 2018
4:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in 10-241

Friday, October 12, 2018
NEW LOCATION: 11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in 38-114
GENERAL DEADLINES

Friday, October 12 – Faculty Statement of Interests for GE Work Groups are due.
Tuesday, October 17 – Academic Senate Executive Committee approves GE Work Group chairs.
Friday, October 19 – Student Statement of Interests for GE Work Groups are due.