

**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**October 1, 2015**

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

**Members Present:** John Aleshunas, Jef Awada, Larry Baden, Glen Bauer, Cheryl Breig-Allen, Don Conway-Long, Tori Meyer, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Ryan Groeneman, J.P. Palmer, Terri Reilly, Joseph Sencibaugh, Martha Smith, Joe Stimpfl, Keith Welsh

**I. Global Citizenship Program Committee**

Bruce Umbaugh, Carla Colletti, Stephanie Mahfood, and Carol Williams attended the Senate meeting to update the Senate on the Global Citizenship Program Committee. There are over 120 GCP approved courses. This number is a reduction from the previous 400 general education courses. The GCP is in its fourth year of implementation with 36 students graduating under GCP last year.

Carol Williams stated that the St. Louis home campus is offering thirty-three (33) sections of the First Year Seminar. The First Year Seminar Director is working to strengthen the conversation/bonds at all of the international sites. A webpage has been set up to share some practices and collaborations between the home campus and international sites. Data is also being analyzed that compares the first year seminar and keystone seminar programs.

The Keystone Seminar was meant to serve as a complementary course to the First Year Seminar with each meant to offer interdisciplinary courses and integrated learning in order to make a connection between life experience and academics. There are twenty-two (22) different approved Keystone Seminars involving faculty from all five schools/colleges.

The Senate shared the following concerns:

- 1) In order to increase visibility of GCP courses, there should be a webpage showing course availability.
- 2) The Keystone course should be offered as an online course.
- 3) The formats in which the seminars are being offered are not the formats that were presented to and voted on by faculty.
- 4) The two-page assessment form is burdensome.
- 5) There was concern that transfer students will go to other schools that do not require the extra hours that the GCP program requires.
- 6) How much evidence will we have to support the HLC accreditation changes that were recommended?
- 7) A crisis management component should to be added to the First Year program to help faculty deal with a student in crisis.

Gwyneth thanked Bruce and the others for briefing the Senate on the current status of the GCPC. Faculty are encouraged to follow up with GCPC with any concerns.

A group of senators (Larry Baden, Keith Welsh, J.P. Palmer, Terri Reilly) will collaboratively work on formulating concerns to present to the GCPC.

**II. Appointments**

Joanna Battles will replace Graciela Corvalan on Women and Gender Studies Committee for Fall 2015 and Spring 2016.

**III. Fall Institute Last Steps**

Final details for the Fall Institute were discussed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.