Grand Valley State University General Education Committee Meeting

303C DeVos

Minutes of 4/16/2018

PRESENT: Hsiao-Ping Chen; Dori Danko; Dawn DeVries; Brian Drake; Gabriele Gottlieb, Chair; Kimberly Lohr; Kimberly McKee; Peter Riemersma; Huihui Qi; Patrick Thorpe

ALSO PRESENT: C. "Griff" Griffin, Director, General Education;

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT: David Laughlin, Shirley Fleischman

NOT PRESENT: Brian Bowdle; Mark Gleason; Dennis Malaret; Keith Oliver; David Vessey, John Lurie; Linda Pickett; Lindy Scripps-Hoekstra;

Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Taken
Approval of	None.	Approved per
current Agenda		consensus
Approval of	To be voted on in the Fall	Approved per
4/2/2018 Minutes		consensus
Double-dipping	The GEC discussed the response to the CLAS CCC. At this time, GEC thinks this is the best approach for evaluating transfer courses. GEC also affirms that a Foundation or Issues course can double dip within the GE Program. A response to the CLAS CCC was drafted.	
Curriculum items		
for consideration • Course Change: WGS 255 (Log# 10096) – returned after amendment	WGS 255 GEC thinks the explanation about how the course fits into the Arts needs more explanation. The SOR has better evidence of it being in the Arts. The focus seems to be more on Culture than on Art. Giving examples would be useful. More explanation is needed about "critique" because it carries a very different meeting for the Arts – particular the Art Department – then it does in everyday usage. The last sentence in the course description is a good guide for the GE form; more explanation is needed.	P. Thorpe moved to ask for an amendment as discussed. P. Riemersma 2 nd . Motion carries 9-0. Amendment to be returned to the committee.

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Course Change:	WGS 200	P. Thorpe moved to
WGS 200 (Log#	There is a big focus on whiteness and white privileges rather than other races. Additional readings about people of color would more fully explain this issue. There's a typo in one of the sentences (the one with Asian American)	ask for amendment.
10100) – returned		K. McKee 2 nd .
after amendment		Motion carries 9-0.
		Amendment to be
		returned to the
		committee.
• Course Change:	HST 206	P. Thorpe moved to
HST 206(Log#	The teaching section was limited. They should remove the project.	approve. K. McKee
10256) – to be		2 nd . Motion carries
added to Historical		9-0.
Perspectives		
• Course Change:	MUS 300	P. Thorpe moved to
MUS 300 (Log# 10170) – to be added to Issues: Identity	Collaboration is missing in the SOR (group project). It also needs more explanation how it will be taught, particularly for the online portion. It does not look like collaboration is occurring over "a sustained period of time." The explanation for how Integration is being done is limited. The method of evaluation is not sufficient for problem solving.	ask for an
		amendment as
		discussed. K. McKee
		2 nd . Motion carries
		9-0.
		Amendment to be
		returned to the
		committee.
	Current chair offered to serve again next year. No one else indicated interest in serving as Chair.	P. Thorpe moved to
Election of Chair		approve G. Gottlieb
		as Chair for 18-19. B.
		Drake 2 nd . Motion
		carries 9-0.
Chair's Report	Committee affirmed the End of Year Report	P. Thorpe moved to
	Faculty Handbook passed UAS last week.	approve the End of

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		the Year Report. D.
		DeVries 2 nd . Motion
		carries 9-0.
Director's Report	The Director will provide samples of the templates for teaching skills for the fall.	
Adjournment		4:05pm
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