General Education Committee Meeting
303C DeVos
Minutes of 1/22/2024

PRESENT: Hsiao-Ping Chen; Phyllis Curtiss; Brian Drake; Gabriele Gottlieb; Firas Hindeleh; Maya Hobscheid; Dennis Malaret; Katherine Moran; Rajvardhan Patil; Joel Schut; Patrick Thorpe; David Vessey, Chair
ALSO PRESENT: C. "Griff" Griffin, Director, General Education; Erica Hamilton, AVP of Academic Affairs; Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator
NOT PRESENT: Dori Danko; Alisha Karabinus; Chad Sutliffe; Lorie Tuma

Consent Agenda
- Approval of today's agenda
- Approval of minutes 12/4/23

Chair's Report – Chair responded to some inquiries from instructors regarding CAR feedback.

Director's Report –The GE office is working on making the requested changes to the recertification policy. The university is expecting even more students next year. GE is working with CLAS and the Provost's Office to ensure that we have enough seats in GE courses.

Provost Office Report – The university definition of Digital Literacy will be going to ECS and UAS for approval. OEMC proposed that courses wanting to teach hybrid or online no longer need to be approved. If UAS supports it, faculty will no longer need to submit courses for online or hybrid approval.

Old Business
- Tabled CARs from last semester: REL 340, SW 150, WGS 224, GSI/HST 202

  SW 150
  > **Action Taken** – **P. Thorpe moved to give the course a warning following our new recertification policy. G. Gottlieb 2nd. Motion carries 12-0.**

  WGS 224
  > **Action Taken** – **P. Thorpe moved to give the course a warning following our new recertification policy. G. Gottlieb 2nd. Motion carries 12-0.**

  REL 340
  > **Action Taken** – **B. Drake moved to place the course on probation following our new recertification policy. G. Gottlieb 2nd. Motion carries 12-0.**

  GSI/HST 202
  > **Action Taken** – **G. Gottlieb moved to recertify the course but move the next assessment to 2025-2026. P. Thorpe 2nd. Motion carries 12-0.**

- Coordinating Digital Literacy Definitions
  GEC Definition: Responsibly use digital tools to create a product or artifact.
  University Definition: Digital Literacy is the ability to use, create, evaluate, and engage critically with digital technologies to complete tasks safely and ethically in professional and civic contexts.

GEC Members will wait to see if the definition is endorsed before voting to adopt as the GEC definition.

New Business
- CAR Reviews in groups

Curriculum
- GPY 327: Race, Ethnicity, and Place (Log# 12800) – New course add to Issues-Human Rights and Cultures-U.S. Diversity
  Amendment – The assessment for Collaboration needs to be instructor assessment and self-reflection. Provide more information on what the instructor is doing to each the SLOs. There does not need to be so many assessment methods for each SLO. Clarify the group discussions that will be used to assess integration. We recommend targeting assignments to the outcome itself. For written communication just do a written assignment. The SoR needs to list the group project that is required.
  > **Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to ask for amendment as discussed. G. Gottlieb 2nd. Motion carries 11-0-1. Motion to be returned to committee.**

- COM/IDS 352: Global Journalism and Misinformation (Log# 12528) – New course add to Issues-Globalization and Cultures-Global Perspectives
  Amendment – We need to have the letter of support from IDS before we can proceed.
  > **Action Taken: G. Gottlieb moved to ask for amendment as discussed. P. Thorpe 2nd. Motion carries 11-0-1. Motion to be returned to committee.**

- DAN 200 – Change SLO from Collaboration to Oral Communication
  > **Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to approve. F. Hindeleh 2nd. Motion carries 11-0-1. Motion to be returned to committee.**

- INT 380: Sustainable Democracy (Special Topics Request) – Add to Issues-Human Rights and Cultures-U.S. Diversity
  > **Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to approve again. G. Gottlieb 2nd. Motion carries 11-0-1. Motion to be returned to committee.**

Adjournment – 4:37 p.m.