

General Education Committee Meeting

303C DeVos

Minutes of 3/11/2024

PRESENT: Hsiao-Ping Chen; Phyllis Curtiss; Dori Danko; Brian Drake; Shelby Fredricks; Gabriele Gottlieb; Firas Hindeleh; Maya Hobscheid; Dennis Malaret; Rajvardhan Patil; Joel Schut; Chad Sutcliffe; 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:

Consent Agenda

- Approval of today's agenda
- Approval of minutes 2/26/24

Chair's Report – Chair had some email exchanges with faculty who had questions about CAR feedback or course proposals. There will be no meeting next week.

Director's Report – Director met with the director of Study Abroad about having to do assessment. They will pick the Global Perspective SLOs to assess since all students who study abroad get Global Perspectives. The Digital Literacy rubric has been revised for the committee to look at. AAC&U confirmed that they will add DL as an essential learning outcome due to the use of AI in the classroom. Director will meet with the Voyage to talk about assessment. Chemistry is splitting apart their lectures and labs but that won't happen until 2025. Biology is now proposing a new stretch version of BIO 120 for Fall 2024. It will be run as a special topics course for now and they will request Life Sciences credit from GEC.

Provost Office Report – UAS is meeting on Friday and will discuss the proposed definition of Digital Literacy.

Old Business

- Finalizing definition, objectives, and rubric for Digital Literacy
Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to approve this as a draft to send with the Digital Literacy survey. J. Schut 2nd. Motion carries 12-0-1.

New Business

- Study Abroad to Puerto Rico
Action Taken: G. Gottlieb moved to approve giving GP credit for Study Abroad to Puerto Rico. F. Hindeleh 2nd. Motion carries 12-0.
- Reports about possibly reducing skills objectives
Members discussed ways to cut down on the Skills objectives in order to reduce the assessment burden. The GE Office will work on edits to Information Literacy and Oral Communication.

Curriculum

- PLS 102: American Government and Politics (Log# 12939) – Add to Cultures-U.S. Diversity; already Foundations – SBS

Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to approve. F. Hindeleh 2nd. Motion carries 12-0. S. Fredericks moved to use this as a model proposal. M. Hobscheid 2nd. Motion carries 12-0.

- ANT 420: Applied Anthropology (Log# 12855) – Add to Issues-IIT
Action Taken: G. Gottlieb moved to ask for amendments as discussed. P. Thorpe 2nd. Motion carries 13-0. Amendment to be returned to Chair.

Adjournment – 4:04 p.m.