

General Education Committee Meeting

167 Lake Ontario Hall

Minutes of 11/6/2023

PRESENT: Hsiao-Ping Chen; Phyllis Curtiss; Dori Danko; Brian Drake; Gabriele Gottlieb; Firas Hindeleh; Maya Hobscheid; Amy McFarland; Rajvardhan Patil; Chad Sutcliffe; Patrick Thorpe; David Vessey, Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Haven, Interim Director, General Education; Erica Hamilton, AVP of Academic Affairs; Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator

NOT PRESENT: Shelby Fredricks; Dennis Malaret; Lorie Tuma

Consent Agenda

- Approval of today's agenda
- Approval of minutes 10/16/23

Chair's Report – Digital Literacy surveys went out to Unit Heads. Two unit heads contacted the Chair with questions and comments. The Chair of Economics is excited to have Digital Literacy as it is part of the accreditation for Seidman. GSI/HST 202 will provide GEC with a syllabus to prove they are teaching the skills SLOs intended for the course.

Director's Report – Our Graduate Assistant is working on running probability of encountering a skill by 2022 and 2023 graduates. That information will be provided to the committee next week. The website is still undergoing redesign. If you see things that are missing, please let us know.

Provost Office Report – OEMC shared with ECS proposed definitions for programs such as face-to-face (all in person), online (all online, no need to come to campus), hybrid (mix of face-to-face and online), and low-residency (only come to campus one time per semester). Programs that want to be fully online or low residency must have GE courses that are available in these modalities. The concern is the sciences as there are very few physical and life science courses available online. The online and low-residency programs are mostly graduate-level. There is work being done around a definition of Digital Literacy to be utilized university wide. There is a proposed definition with examples of what students are expected to do.

New Business

- Review and Discuss CARs
Members discussed their concerns about four different CARs. Members also discussed possible modifications to the recertification policy.

Curriculum

- WRT 358: User Experience Writing (Log# 12787) – Add to Issues-IIT
Action Taken: G. Gottlieb moved to ask for amendments as discussed. P. Thorpe 2nd. Motion carries 10-0. Amendment to be returned to Chair.

Adjournment – 4:31 p.m.