

General Education Committee Meeting

303C DeVos

Minutes of 1/13/2020

PRESENT: Abdullah Alrebh; Brian Bowdle; Brian Drake; Shirley Fleischmann; Gabriele Gottlieb, Chair; Maya Hobscheid; David Laughlin; Kimberly Lohr; Dennis Malaret; Emily Nichols; Keith Oliver; Linda Pickett; Amy Stolley; Patrick Thorpe

ALSO PRESENT: C. "Griff" Griffin, Director, General Education; Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator

NOT PRESENT: Erika Bailey; Dori Danko; and Ellen Schendel, AVP of Academic Affairs

Consent Agenda

- Approval of today's agenda – move chair's report up before Old Business.
- Approval of minutes 12/2/19 and 1/6/20

Old Business

- Discussion of Teaching Handouts for Skills

Curriculum

- ANT 375: Language, Identity, and Diversity (Log# 10785) – Add to U.S. Diversity and Issues-Identity

Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to ask for amendment as discussed. L. Pickett 2nd. Motion carries 9-0. Amendment to be returned to the committee.

Chair's Report – There will be no meeting next week due to MLK day. There will also not be a meeting on February 10. We will begin CAR Reviews in groups via email on the Mondays we are not meeting face-to-face.

- Honors/GE credit transfer
The GE Program needs to have an "off-ramp" for students who want to leave Honors and come back into the regular GE Program. The "off-ramp" will specify what GE equivalents students will receive for their Honors courses.
Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to approve the Honors off-ramp. A. Stolley 2nd. Motion carries 10-0
- Policy prerequisites
GEC needs to have a written policy on prerequisites for the GE categories.

GEC created a policy about permits and prerequisites. (Jan. 2020). The policy is as follows:

FOUNDATIONS

1. It is acceptable to have prerequisites on Foundation courses but they should be very limited since Foundations are providing basic knowledge.
2. It is acceptable to have sections of Foundations courses where enrollment is limited to a certain major or because courses are linked.

CULTURES

1. It is acceptable to have prerequisites on Cultures courses but they should be limited.

2. It is acceptable to have sections of Cultures courses where enrollment is limited to a certain major or because courses are linked.

ISSUES

1. It is acceptable to have prerequisites on Issues courses but they should be very limited since we want Issues courses to be open to most students.
2. It is NOT acceptable to have courses and sections for which the enrollment is limited to a certain major or because courses are linked.

If you would like to have a section or course deviate from these policies, please contact the General Education Committee Chair.

Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to approve the policy as discussed. B. Bowdle 2nd. Motion carries 10-0. The policy can be found on the General Education website.

Director's Report – None

Adjournment – 4:09 p.m.