

Grand Valley State University
General Education Committee Meeting

167 Lake Ontario Hall
 Minutes of 12/5/2016

PRESENT: Kirk Anderson, Chair; Hsiao-Ping Chen; Dori Danko; Gabriele Gottlieb; Haiying Kong; Melba Velez Ortiz; Linda Pickett; Eric Ramsson; Jeremy Robinson; Lindy Scripps-Hoekstra; Susan Strouse; Patrick Thorpe; David Vessey

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Berlin, Interim Director, General Education; Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator

NOT PRESENT: Dawn DeVries; Kimberly McKee; Huihui Qi; Robin Smith-Colton; Jeremy Turnbull;

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Taken
Approval of current Agenda	No discussion.	Approved per consensus
Approval of 11/28/2016 Minutes	No discussion.	Approved per consensus
Curriculum items for consideration --Log 9638: Course Change – ENS 492, Sustainable Agriculture: Ideas and Techniques [new to GEC as of 11/28/2016] To count for Issues-Sustainability.	<p>Member stated that the author did not give us specifics as to what the instructor was going to do regarding the teaching of skills goals in the course. The descriptions mostly contain the language used in the definition of the goals themselves. Also, the pre-requisite needs to define what Gen Ed Science requirement they are expecting. Member stated that a group project is not mentioned in the SoR under Methods of Evaluation. A group project needs to be required.</p> <p>Amendment – The pre-requisite needs to say Junior Standing and the science requirement needs to be dropped or clearly defined. Explain what the instructor role is in teaching the skills goals. Group project needs to be a required method of evaluation in the SoR.</p>	<p>S. Strouse moved to ask for amendment as discussed. G. Gottlieb 2nd. Motion carries 10-0.</p> <p>Amendment to be returned to committee.</p>

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<p>General discussion of Honors sequences</p>	<p>An Honors sequence in Options 1 and 2 allows a student to achieve 6 GE requirements: 4 Foundations, 1 Culture and 1 Issue. In Option 3, the students can achieve 7 GE requirements because it is paired with HNR 201 which counts for P&L. Members believe that all Honors sequences should be uniform and allow for 6 GE requirements to be fulfilled. Chair will contact Honors and explain that we cannot proceed with the items in SAIL until we make changes to what currently exists. The current proposals in SAIL do not include fulfilling an Issues requirement, which they should. HNR 201 is required for all 9-credit sequences. Member suggested we provide a guidance document to Honors on what they need to include in future sequences.</p> <p>Member asked if each HNR course in a sequence will be assessed at once so we can review the sequence as whole. Members believe we should hold their CAR from Fall until the end of Winter and review the sequence as a whole.</p>	
<p>HNR curriculum items for consideration</p> <p>--Log 9529: New Course – HNR 204, Urbanism: City and Society. Double-dipper: to count for Foundations-Arts and Cultures-WP. Skills are WC, Collab, and IL.</p> <p>--Log 9530: New Course – HNR 285, Urbanism: City and Society. Double-dipper: to count for Foundations-HP and Cultures-</p>	<p>Chair stated that Group Project needs to be added to the SoR for HNR 204. The sequence would have World Perspectives twice. They should drop one World Perspectives and add WRT 150. The sequence also offers US Diversity. Member suggested dropping both World Perspectives and adding Issues and WRT 150. Member stated that the course proposal makes a better case for US Diversity than World Perspectives. The committee will ask Honors to pick either US Diversity or World Perspectives. HNR 286 has Ethical Reasoning as a goal but the Teach description does not actually address the skill. Member stated that the instructor did a good job of explaining Information Literacy in HNR 204 and HNR 286.</p> <p>Possible amendment: Discuss Ethical Reasoning in HNR 286. Choose one Culture, add WRT 150, and one Issues. Some of these changes would have to occur outside of Sail, and they affect more than just this sequence, so the GEC chair will contact the Honors College director.</p>	<p>Tabled until Chair talks with Honors.</p>

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<p>WP. Skills are WC, IL, and Collab.</p> <p>--Log 9532: New Course – HNR 286, Urbanism: City and Society. Double-dipper: to count for Foundations-SBS and Cultures-USD. Skills are CCT, PS, IL and ER.</p>		
<p>Mid-year Report</p>	<p>Chair shared the midyear report. It will include a thank you to the Interim Director, Scott Berlin. Some information is still needed from the GE Office. Kurt Ellenberger was going to facilitate a Faculty Learning Community but we are not sure if that has happened. Chair has emailed Kurt to find out more. It appears that 67 Theme courses were converted to Issues and many new courses were added to Issues. Members feel that we need to explain that Themes are at the end of their life in GE. There were three GEC members interested in the AAC&U conference. We are unsure who will be going. Chair will also share information about the meeting with Troy Farley.</p>	
<p>Chair's Report</p>	<p>Will continue to work on the Mid-year Report and give committee members a chance to look at it and offer suggestions. Still have a couple of CAR replies to edit before we can send them out. Thank you to Scott for taking on the Interim Director role.</p>	
<p>Director's Report</p>	<p>If anyone is still interested in attending the AAC&U Conference in February let Scott know and he will contact FTLC.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>4:00pm</p>