

Grand Valley State University
General Education Committee Meeting

303C DeVos
 Minutes of 2/15/2016

PRESENT: Kirk Anderson, Chair; Emily Frigo; Gabriele Gottlieb; Paola Leon; Kimberly McKee; Melba Velez Ortiz; LeShell Palmer; Eric Ramsson; Paul Sicilian; Susan Strouse; Patrick Thorpe; Jeremy Turnbull;

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

NOT PRESENT: Hsiao-Ping Chen; Haiying Kong; Linda Pickett; Huihui Qi; Jeremy Robinson*; David Vessey

*Participating via email despite conflict with meetings

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Taken
Approval of current Agenda	No discussion.	Approved per consensus
Approval of 2/8/2016 Minutes	No discussion.	Approved per consensus
--Log 9315: Course Change – GPY/ECO/PA 385, Economic Geography of the United States [returning proposal, resubmitted 2/10/2016] To count for Issues: Information, Innovation, and Technology. Recall that we discussed this 1/25/2016.	GPY/ECO/PA 385 Self-reflection is still missing under Collaboration and Integration. Amendment – Ask to add self-reflection under Collaboration and Integration.	G. Gottlieb moved to ask for amendment. P. Thorpe 2 nd . Motion carries 9-0. Amendment to be returned to chair.

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<p>--Log 9317: Course Change – GPY 335, Globalization and Development [returning proposal, resubmitted 2/8/2016] To count for Issues: Globalization. Recall that we discussed this 1/25/2016.</p>	<p>GPY 335 Self-reflection is still missing under Collaboration and Integration. Amendment – Ask to add self-reflection under Collaboration and Integration.</p>	<p>S. Strouse moved to ask for amendment. P. Thorpe 2nd. Motion carries 9-0. Amendment to be returned to chair.</p>
<p>--Log 9318: Course Change – GPY/PA 324, Urbanization [returning proposal, resubmitted 2/8/2016] To count for Issues: Sustainability. Recall that we discussed this 1/25/2016.</p>	<p>GPY/PA 324 Self-reflection is still missing under Collaboration and Integration. Amendment – Ask to add self-reflection under Collaboration and Integration.</p>	<p>P. Thorpe moved to ask for amendment. M. Velez Ortiz 2nd. Motion carries 9-0. Amendment to be returned to chair.</p>
<p>--Log 9189: Course change – ANT 320, Culture and Disease [new to GEC, submitted 2/3/2016] To count for Issues: Health.</p>	<p>ANT 320 Was a Theme course. Member stated that there is no collaboration reflected under methods of evaluation in the SoR. Paper and presentation listed are individual work. Member stated that there needs to be better clarification on how collaboration will be taught. Members also thought that Problem Solving was a bit vague. Member asked if medical anthropology is two fields of study or one. Another member stated that it is a mixed field that uses medical materials and anthropology materials. Member stated that medical anthropology is very interdisciplinary already and includes many diverse perspectives. Director stated that Integration is intended to have the students integrate their backgrounds, thoughts, etc. together. Member stated that the integration piece seems to be explained under collaboration.</p>	<p>M. Velez Ortiz moved to ask for amendment. G. Gottlieb 2nd. Motion carries 10-0-1. Amendment to be returned to chair.</p>

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<p>--Log 9205: New course – ANT 421, Anthropology of Social Movements [new to GEC, submitted 2/5/2016] To count for Issues: Human Rights.</p>	<p>Amendment – Add group work to the methods of evaluation in the SoR, ask for a better explanation of how they will teach Collaboration and problem solving, and clarify the Integration of different disciplines.</p> <p>ANT 421 No self-reflection listed under Collaboration. Member stated that the description of how the skills goals will be taught was lacking. Member stated that Collaboration lacks the process of how it will be taught and lists assessments as teaching methods. Member stated that the lack of what the instructor will do could be a pedagogical thing and we could ask for clarification.</p> <p>Amendment – Ask for better explanation on how they will teach the skills goals, suggest to pare down the measures, and the methods of evaluation in SoR need to match what’s listed in the GE form.</p>	<p>G. Gottlieb moved to ask for amendment. P. Thorpe 2nd. Motion carries 11-0. Amendment to be returned to committee.</p>
<p>Discussion of whether to include instructor names on CARs</p>	<p>Member stated that it could make people a target if there was disagreement from a department. Member asked how it would help us do our job better. Director stated that instructors of courses want to read the CAP and CAR and the CAP has the author and the CAR does not. Then we have to go and find it. Having names makes it easier to share data. Member asked if faculty know their names won’t be on the form. Director stated that she believes we might get better data <i>if</i> their name is on it. Member stated there could be contention between people in the same department. Director stated that we cannot stop the bad behavior but it could help us with improving the courses. Member stated that this is a duty of the faculty and their name should be on it. Director said the committee could generate a sentence to explain asking for the name on the CAR. Director stated we will just take a pass on making a change for now since so many members are against it.</p>	<p>Members agreed to leave the names off the CARs.</p>
<p>Rubric revisions – Collaboration and IL</p>	<p>Information Literacy Changed the objectives. Members edited the sub objectives.</p> <p>Collaboration Reviewed the collaboration rubric again and reworded some sub-objectives.</p>	<p>Director will email to Chair.</p>

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Chair's Report	More rubrics and curriculum are coming for future meetings as well as CAR reviews.	
Director's Report	We are working on the GE Handbook and adding goals for each course. Meeting with groups who care about Civic Engagement and Gen Ed.	
Adjournment		4:31pm