

General Education Committee Meeting

167 Lake Ontario Hall

Minutes of 8/30/2021

PRESENT: Robert Adams, Chair; Abdullah Alrebh; Heather Chappell; Phyllis Curtiss; Brian Drake; Gabriele Gottlieb; Maya Hobscheid; Leon Lou; Dennis Malaret; Rajvardhan Patil; Linda Pickett; Robert Rozema; Amy Stolley; Patrick Thorpe

ALSO PRESENT: C. "Griff" Griffin, Director, General Education; Ellen Schendel, AVP of Academic Affairs; Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator

NOT PRESENT: Dori Danko; Emily Nichols (class conflict); Rachel Peterson (class conflict); Chad Sutcliffe

Consent Agenda

- Approval of today's agenda
- Approval of minutes 3/29/21, 4/12/21, and Special Meeting with ECS 6/24/21 – Change minutes from 6/24 to say ECS instead of UAS.

New Business

- Welcome and Introductions – All members introduced themselves.
- Chair Remarks
Committee overview – GEC deals mostly with GE Assessment and curriculum reviews. These two items make up the bulk of the committee work.
- Discussion on ECS Charges
ECS is meeting Friday to finalize the charges. We will discuss them at the next meeting on September 13.
- Meeting Format: In-person? Hybrid?
Some committee members will not be on campus and prefer to meet via Zoom. GEC agreed to meet on Zoom unless we need to meet face-to-face.
- Meeting Schedule
Meetings are in Allendale in the fall and Downtown in the Winter. Meetings are scheduled weekly from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- CAR Review: MUS 300

Curriculum

- EAS 245: Topics in East Asian Food Cultures (Log# 10378) – Add to Social and Behavioral Sciences

Action Taken: G. Gottlieb moved to ask for amendment as discussed. P. Thorpe 2nd. Motion carries 13-0.

Chair's Report – Philosophy changed some pre-reqs for GE courses but those don't come to us.

Director's Report – GE Handbook is out and looks just like last years. There is more data for the committee to review to address the equity gap charge from UAS. We tracked down some of the missing CAR feedback rubrics that had not been completed. Those we couldn't find we looked through the minutes and if we found evidence of approval we put a blank feedback rubric on the website stating the

course was approved but no detailed feedback was provided. There are currently assessment workshops happening both live and virtually. Director did a GE 101 workshop for some CLAS faculty.

Provost's Office Report – The search for a new provost is underway. You can go to the Provost's website and answer questions about what you are looking for in a Provost. Use the COVID Resources page to get questions regarding COVID protocols.

Adjournment – 4:30 p.m.