

Grand Valley State University  
**General Education Committee Meeting**

303C DeVos  
Minutes of 4/17/2017

**PRESENT:** Carly Aller; Kirk Anderson, Chair; Hsiao-Ping Chen; Dawn DeVries; Gabriele Gottlieb; Kimberly McKee; Melba Velez Ortiz; Huihui Qi; Eric Ramsson; Jeremy Robinson; Lindy Scripps-Hoekstra; Susan Strouse; Patrick Thorpe; David Vessey

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brian Bowdle; Brian Drake; C. “Griff” Griffin, Director, General Education; Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator

**NOT PRESENT:** Dori Danko; Haiying Kong; Linda Pickett; Robin Smith-Colton;

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Taken
<b>Approval of current Agenda</b>	None.	Approved per consensus
<b>Approval of 4/10/2017 Minutes</b>	None.	Approved per consensus
<b>Introduction of new GEC members and acknowledgments</b>	Brian Drake and Brian Bowdle were in attendance. Outgoing members are Melba Velez Ortiz, Haiying Kong, and Jeremy Robinson. Eric will be on sabbatical. Chair thanked everyone for their hard work this past year.	
<b>Election of GEC chair for 2017-18</b>	Gabriele Gottlieb volunteered to serve as Chair of the committee next year.	P. Thorpe moved to elect G. Gottlieb as the new chair. S. Strouse 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Motion carries 13-0 with one abstention.
<b>Curriculum items for consideration --Log 9753: Course change – CIS 331, Data Analysis Tools and Techniques</b>	CIS 331 Member was concerned that the course was not drawing on multiple fields of study and it was not addressed. The proposer did not change the GE form, only added comments to each piece of the amendment request. Member stated they did not address the instructor role in collaboration. Member stated that reading articles from the discipline will not attract more students or meet the requirements of integration. There needs to be integration from other disciplines.	G. Gottlieb moved to ask for the amendment as discussed. K. McKee 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Motion carries 12-0.

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<p data-bbox="96 131 359 375"><b>[returning proposal] To count for Issues- Information, Innovation, and Technology.</b></p> <p data-bbox="96 423 359 781"><b>--Log 9729: Course change – SOC 377, Globalization: Structures and Movements [returning proposal] To count for Issues- Globalization.</b></p> <p data-bbox="96 829 359 1154"><b>--Log 9525: Course change – WGS 310, Sexual Orientation and the Law [new to GEC as of 4/13/2017] To count for Issues- Human Rights.</b></p>	<p data-bbox="359 131 1577 204">Amendment: The concerns for collaboration and integration still stand and were not adequately addressed. All changes must be documented in SAIL.</p> <p data-bbox="359 423 1577 529">SOC 377 Members were happy with the amendment that was returned. Member stated that integration is not interdisciplinary but there was mention of economics and political science.</p> <p data-bbox="359 854 1577 1162">WGS 210 Member stated that they need to add the Junior standing prerequisite. Member stated that self-reflection and peer evaluation need to be added for collaboration. Member suggested they remove self-reflection from the SoR methods of evaluation under “may include” since we ask them to include it when teaching collaboration. Member stated that there is no evidence of the instructor teaching students how to develop a collaboration plan. Member stated that the proposal mentions putting students in teams but it does not specify if this is a long-term team. Member suggested the proposer add how they will teach problem solving to develop the deep-understanding that is mentioned in the proposal.</p> <p data-bbox="359 1211 1577 1268">Amendment – more explanation on how goals will be taught. Delete self-reflection under methods of evaluation in the SoR. Add Junior standing prerequisites.</p>	<p data-bbox="1577 172 1841 285">Amendment to be returned to committee.</p> <p data-bbox="1577 423 1841 610">P. Thorpe moved to accept the proposal. G. Gottlieb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries 12-0.</p> <p data-bbox="1577 878 1841 1105">S. Strouse moved to ask for an amendment per discussion. P. Thorpe 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries 12-0.</p>

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<b>--Log 8867: Course change – ART 321 (would change to 271), &lt;course title TBD&gt; [returning proposal – first considered winter 2015] To count for Foundations Arts (skills are CCT and OC).</b>	ART 271 Member stated the proposer is very flexible on the title. She also believes that the teaching portion is coming along. Member stated that it is still unclear how the critiques work for collaboration and oral communication. Instructor role is more prominent now. Member stated that the critiques describe the work, interpret and judge it orally. It is prepared and rehearsed and is good assessment of oral communication. Member stated that if it is a structured process then it should be fine. Member stated that even non-art majors will learn how to do the critique and be able to do the presentation of content orally.	P. Thorpe moved to accept the proposal. G. Gottlieb 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Motion carries 13-0.
<b>Revision to recertification policy</b>	Members reviewed the newest iteration of the recertification policy and made changes as necessary. #2 needs to state that the data is due by the due date. A UH may request a 14-day extension. #3 needs to state that the CAR is due by the date and a UH may request a 14-day extension. #4 change the reference to 2a to just “adequate CAR” #5 change accuracy to quality in 5a. 5c added two options—one for removal of course and one for getting a final chance to assess. #6 change “catalog” to GE designation as the course will only be removed from GE not from GVSU. Add a “Yes” to flow chart. Wordsmith starting point on flowchart.	P. Thorpe moved to accept the recertification as amended. S. Strouse 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Motion carries 13-0.
<b>CAR Replies</b>	Replies for HST 102, HST 207, and MGT 303 are needed.  MES 201 - Teaching part is not clear. The methods of assessment are not clear.	
<b>Chair’s Report</b>	The Senate meeting is coming up this Friday. Chair will present the End of Year Report. Member asked if there are any charges that we can expect next year. We will probably see the task of adding more online Issues courses. Possibly incorporating design thinking as well as looking at the Foundations structure.	

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<b>Director's Report</b>	The QI and GE SLOs go to the Board this Friday. The new GE handbooks are out.	
<b>Adjournment</b>		3:53pm