

Grand Valley State University
General Education Committee Meeting

303C DeVos
 Minutes of 4/11/2016

PRESENT: Kirk Anderson, Chair; Hsiao-Ping Chen; Emily Frigo; Gabriele Gottlieb; Paola Leon; Kimberly McKee; Melba Velez Ortiz; Linda Pickett; Huihui Qi; Eric Ramsson; Paul Sicilian; Susan Strouse; David Vessey

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Berlin, Interim GE Director, C. “Griff” Griffin, Director, General Education; Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator; Lindy Scripps-Hoekstra

NOT PRESENT: Haiying Kong; LeShell Palmer; Jeremy Robinson*; Patrick Thorpe; Jeremy Turnbull

*Participating via email despite conflict with meetings

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Taken
Approval of current Agenda	No discussion	Approved per consensus
Approval of 4/4/2016 Minutes	No discussion	Approved per consensus
Welcome to Interim GE Director and New GEC Members	Scott Berlin was introduced as the Interim GE Director for Fall 2016. Lindy Scripps-Hoekstra was introduced as the new representative from the Library.	
Curriculum items for consideration --Log 9474: Course change – PHI 330, Law, Philosophy, and Society [new to GEC, submitted 4/4/2016] To count for Issues: Human Rights.	<p>PHI 330 Member asked if we need peer evaluation in the SoR but committee agreed that it was not necessary. Director asked if the committee is ok with the prior coursework in Philosophy pre-requisite. Member stated that it is probably leftover from the original course. Members agreed that we should suggest that they remove that statement in order to open it up to a more diverse student population. Member stated that Integration suggests more about students bringing in more of their own perspectives and not their disciplinary experience.</p> <p>Amendment – Change prereq to just Junior standing and drop prior Philosophy coursework.</p>	<p>S. Strouse moved to amend. G. Gottlieb 2nd. Motion carries 10-0. Amendment to be returned to Chair.</p>

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<p>--Log 9499: Course change – HIM 310, Functional and Administrative Practices in Health Information Management [new to GEC, submitted 4/4/2016] To count for Issues: Health.</p>	<p>HIM 310</p> <p>Member stated that they need to add prereq of Junior Standing. Director asked that Chair remind the author to remove the permit only enrollment. Member asked if the author thought about who would be interested in taking this type of Issues course. Member stated that we want to make sure this is drawing a diverse student population instead of just all HIM majors. Member stated that the course currently is required for majors in their 4th year of study. The course needs to be able to appeal to other majors in order to be a GE course. Director stated that the course has to fulfill many goals for accreditation. Member stated that the content is too specific to the major and will not attract diverse majors. Member stated that they do not meet the Integration goal. The SoR seems very set in stone for accreditation purposes but they are missing the integration piece. Members agreed that we need to ask how they will appeal to accommodate a diverse group of majors. Member stated that we need to ensure that the course is designed for a GE student and not a student in that particular major. Member stated that the integration project seems highly specialized and would be hard to accommodate non-majors. Member stated that the proposal must indicate how they will integrate multiple fields of study.</p> <p>Amendment – Ask to make a stronger case for being an Issues course and how they will appeal to and accommodate all majors as well as a better explanation of Integration. Ask them to be explicit on how it will integrate multiple fields of study. Add self-reflection under Collaboration. In the SoR add Junior standing as a prereq and add more sources to show interdisciplinary material. Make a suggestion that they might consider switching to the Information, Innovation, and Technology category as it might help to justify it as an Issues course.</p>	<p>M. Velez Ortiz moved to ask for an amendment. G. Gottlieb 2nd. Motion carries 11-0. Amendment to be returned to committee.</p>
<p>--Log 9343: Course change – ANT 207, Language and Culture. Double dipper: to count for Foundations: SBS, and to count for Cultures: US Diversity. Skills are CCT, OC, and WC.</p>	<p>ANT 207</p> <p>They satisfied all amendment requests.</p>	<p>M. Velez Ortiz moved to approve. E. Frigo 2nd. Motion carries 12-0.</p>

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CARs	Members brought up concerns with their assigned CARs for committee discussion.	
Election of Chair	K. Anderson indicated his willingness to serve as chair for another year. No other members indicated interest in the position, so no election was necessary.	S. Strouse moved to approve Kirk Anderson as Chair of GEC for 2016-2017. G. Gottlieb 2 nd . Motion carries 12-0.
EoY Report	Chair asked for any input or suggestions. The defense will be this Friday. Director stated that they may ask what the committee will focus on next year. Member stated that they may ask what we would cap GE courses at if it was economically feasible.	
Chair's Report	Next week we will finalize the rubrics and the CAR replies.	
Director's Report	Internationalization Task Force – In 5 years a level 3 course will be required in every major. All World Perspective courses are categorized as Level 3. All students will have at least 2 courses at level 3. This requirement could define World Perspectives or become a skills goal. Also, Civic Engagement could come to GE. We could end up using this as a content goal for Issues. Will send all members a list of student majors in Issues courses.	
Adjournment		4:24pm