

Grand Valley State University
General Education Committee Meeting

167 Lake Ontario Hall
Minutes of 10/10/2016

PRESENT: Kirk Anderson, Chair; Hsiao-Ping Chen; Dori Danko; Dawn DeVries; Gabriele Gottlieb; Haiying Kong; Kimberly McKee; Melba Velez Ortiz; Linda Pickett; Eric Ramsson; Jeremy Robinson; Lindy Scripps-Hoekstra; David Vessey

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

NOT PRESENT: Huihui Qi; Susan Strouse; Patrick Thorpe; Jeremy Turnbull

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Taken
Approval of current Agenda	No discussion.	Approved per consensus
Approval of 10/3/2016 Minutes	No discussion.	Approved per consensus
Curriculum items for consideration --Log 9520: New course – HNR 203, Food for Thought 1 [new to GEC as of 9/22/2016] Double-dipper: To count for Foundations-Historical Perspectives and Cultures-World Perspectives. Skills are CCT, ER, and Collaboration.	<p>HNR 203</p> <p>Member stated that a good case was made for how the course fit into Historical Perspectives but none of the required topics are history related. Member stated that history of human diets that is listed as a discretionary topic should be listed as required. Chair stated that the optional methods of evaluation cannot all be optional. Member stated that in class group assignments that are listed under collaboration are different than our definition of collaboration. Member stated that it is unclear on how collaboration will occur. Member stated that a small group presentation does not suffice as an assessment tool for collaboration. If they mean it should be an oral presentation where everyone presents, then they need to be clear. Member stated that the teach definition just put in the objectives we list above for them instead of being explicit as to what they will do. Member stated that if this fulfills the Writing requirement then they need to have writing as a required assessment not optional. This course is counting for WRT 150 but does not have Written Communication as a goal and written communication would not be part of the entire sequence of HNR 201/203 and 272/273. Members feel that we need to have a conversation with Honors about the entire sequence so that all goals are covered.</p> <p>Chair and Interim Director will have a discussion with Honors before asking for the amendment.</p>	<p>M. Velez Ortiz moved to have discussion and then ask for an amendment. E. Ramsson 2nd. Motion carries 12-0. To be returned to committee.</p>

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<p>--Log 9373: New Course – MTH 124, Precalculus: Functions and Models [new to GEC as of 9/27/2016] To count for Foundations- Mathematical Sciences. Skills are QL and Collaboration.</p>	<p>Discussion – Talk to Honors about adding WRT 150 into 201 and adding written communication as a goal in place of Ethical Reasoning and removing mention of WRT 150 from 203. Also, ask for clarification on what “normally paired” with means. Are there exceptions where this could be paired with something other than a sequence?</p> <p>Amendment – In the SoR ask that discretionary topics related to history be required; hear more on instructor’s role for how goals will be taught including examples. Clarify what is meant by small group assignments and make it required not optional; Distinguish between group and individual presentations.</p> <p>MTH 124 Member stated that the group project is listed as discretionary in the SoR and should be required. In the GE form, it is very clear that they will be doing group work so it needs to be reflected in the SoR. Self and peer evaluations need to be listed as a method of evaluation. Members agree to ask for these in an amendment.</p>	<p>M. Velez Ortiz moved to ask for amendment. G. Gottlieb 2nd. Motion carries 12-0. To be returned to chair.</p>
<p>Revision of policy: Internal procedures for removing courses from Gen Ed</p>	<p>Members worked on revising the policy. Chair asked if the current step 4 of the policy, asking courses to look at their CAP and revise it after they assess the course, is something we do. Members stated that we may want to ask them as a reminder of updating the course as it seems some courses don’t teach what is listed in their CAP. Member stated that the CAR should prompt the assessors to think about their CAP and possibly updating it. The language, as stated in the current policy, is not correct and will be updated. Members changed the policy to have a 3 step process for courses to be removed from GE.</p>	<p>M. Velez Ortiz moved to approve. G. Gottlieb 2nd. Motion carries 12-0.</p>
<p>CAR Replies</p>	<p>Members worked in groups to discuss CAR replies. Please send replies to the Chair.</p>	

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Chair's Report	More CARs coming next week.	
Director's Report	AAC&U Conference---FTLC is willing to take 3 people. If you're interested, please let Scott know. Must be teaching Design Thinking. Christine Rener offered to come to a meeting to speak to the committee and learn how FTLC can help GE.	
Adjournment		4:30pm