

General Education Committee Meeting

Zoom

Minutes of 11/1/2021

PRESENT: Robert Adams, Chair; Abdullah Alrebh; Steeve Buckridge; Heather Chappell; Dori Danko; Brian Drake; Gabriele Gottlieb; Maya Hobscheid; Dennis Malaret; Rajvardhan Patil; 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: Phyllis Curtiss; Leon Lou; Emily Nichols (participating via email due to class commitment); Linda Pickett; Chad Sutcliffe;

Consent Agenda

- Approval of today's agenda
- Approval of minutes 10/18/21

New Business

- Course Assessment Plan for SOC 105 – Dropping SLOs CT and WC and adding IL
Action Taken: G. Gottlieb moved to ask for amendment as discussed. Motion carries 13-0.
- Global Perspectives – Finalize language to be sent to units in GP seeking their feedback
Action Taken: R. Adams moved to send request and survey to Unit Heads and all faculty who teach courses in GP once the form is updated next week. Motion Carries 13-0.
- Review Unit Feedback on US Diversity Description and SLOs
Members think we should consider all of the comments and make edits based on those comments. Once we make the edits GE can hold a meeting with U.S. Diversity faculty to discuss.
- Charge: Please propose language to ensure that the applicable section of the UAS Bylaws (SG1.02) that charters the committee includes a subsection on Leadership, that describes the leadership positions and succession process.
Proposed:
Action Taken: R. Adams moved to approve the faculty handbook language as proposed. Motion Carries 13-0.

Chair's Report – Member asked about having a single location to find documents for the meetings. We can do that with the exception of proposals in SAIL. Google Docs is where the agendas and other items can be found. They will be also linked from the GE Members Only section of the website. We need more member participation in discussions. We will use Google Docs to start the discussion prior to the meeting. Please go in and add your comments, suggestions, etc. about the items we will be discussing so we have a starting point for the meeting. This will allow us to discuss more substantive items during the meeting. Friday, October 29 was the deadline for units to respond to the invitation for the meeting about Creative Thinking. We have less than 50% of courses that responded. This doesn't seem to be a pressing issue for most courses in the Foundations – Arts. Would the committee impose this rubric without the buy-in from the courses? Members think we should still have the meeting and get a proposal out to the rest of the units who didn't respond. Member thinks we should leave it alone since it doesn't appear to be as important as it once was. Member thinks this issue will come up again once the

units are assessing again as it will be more pressing to them at that time. Member said we should pause this until the units bring it up again, if they do. Member thinks we should bring it up at a better time during the semester and avoid the middle of the semester. Director said if we want to have the meeting we should facilitate it and see where that goes. It doesn't mean that we will implement the change but we at least entertain the thoughts of those interested. We will hold a meeting with those interested sometime in January after the semester has started.

Director's Report – We currently have a Graduate Assistant that is part-time. She is converting a lot of our data from SAS to Tableau. In the CLAS Strategic Plan they have a focus to get students through GE more efficiently. There are some courses that are required in many majors and many courses that are only required in the units own major. You will get a report that outlines this in a couple of weeks. We are also looking at the probability of student encountering each of the GE Skills SLOs. We did it once but we are going to obtain more data so we have more accurate information.

Provost's Report – None.

Adjournment – 4:30 p.m.