

General Education Committee Meeting

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Minutes of 2/6/2023

PRESENT: Hsiao-Ping Chen; Phyllis Curtiss; Dori Danko; Firas Hindeleh; IV; Laurence José; Rajvardhan Patil; Amy Stolley, Chair; Chad Sutcliffe; Patrick Thorpe; David Vessey

ALSO PRESENT: C. “Griff” Griffin, Director, General Education; Erica Hamilton, AVP of Academic Affairs; Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator; Justin Melick, Instructional Designer; Gabrielle Miller, Digital Student Experience Coordinator

NOT PRESENT: Heather Chappell; Gabriele Gottlieb; Maya Hobscheid; James Johnson; Dennis Malaret; Emily Nichols; Robert Rozema

Consent Agenda

- Approval of today’s agenda
- Approval of minutes 1/30/23

Chair’s Report – None.

Director’s Report – Director’s sabbatical was approved. Chris Haven from the Writing Department will be in the interim Director of the GE Program for the fall semester.

Provost Office Report – None.

New Business

- Discussion of Digital Literacy as a potential GE SLO and Blue Dot Initiative – Guests, Gabrielle Miller and Justin Melick
Justin Melick and Gabriele Miller spoke to the committee about Digital Literacy and what GVSU is currently discussing about it. The Blue Dot Initiative was created to start exploring ways to ensure GVSU students are digitally literate. A Blue Dot Lab is being discussed where students could get support for digital learning and projects. Currently, the Digital Creator Lab exists in the Knowledge Market. It is on the 2nd Floor in the Pew Library. There is a plan for another lab downtown next year. Students can drop in or make an appointment with a digital consultant. It has a podcasting booth with a digital mixer and other pods for Zoom meetings or other digital projects. Students can check out digital equipment to use. There are online tutorials on how to use the equipment or student assistants who can help.

How could GVSU incorporate Digital Literacy into the curriculum? It could be adopted as an SWS model, CBL model, through General Education, or through every major. Committee members discussed how it might fit into General Education.

- Discuss Renaming GE Skills as “Marketable Skills”
Action Taken: Tabled until next meeting.
- Charge #1 – Development of Assessment Materials
Action Taken: Tabled until next meeting.

Adjournment – 4:16 p.m.