

General Education Committee Meeting

303C DeVos

Minutes of 3/17/2025

PRESENT: Kathryn Christopher; Phyllis Curtiss; Dori Danko; Firas Hindeleh; Maya Hobscheid; Dennis Malaret; Rajvardhan Patil; David Vessey, Chair; Janet Winter

ALSO PRESENT: C. "Griff" Griffin, Director, General Education; Sean Lancaster, AVP of Academic Affairs; Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator

NOT PRESENT: Hsiao-Ping Chen; Beomkyu Choi; Brian Drake; Chad Sutcliffe; Patrick Thorpe

Consent Agenda

- Approval of today's agenda
- Approval of minutes 2/17/25

Chair's Report – We will have two more meetings this year. They will be April 7 and 14. The last meeting of the semester we will invite the newly elected members and elect a Chair for next year.

Director's Report – Our Graduate Assistants (GA) have been reviewing new GA candidates, and we will be interviewing four candidates next week.

When students transfer, some of their previously taken courses may not be approved by a specific department, causing them to lose credits. To address this, there needs to be a department or unit responsible for granting general GVSU credit so students don't lose out on these credits. The Director is currently discussing this issue with the Registrar.

Provost Office Report – The Higher Learning Commission requires a Quality Initiative in years 5-9. GVSU is in year 5 and our QI will be having barrier-free experiential learning in every program. There needs to be a way to evaluate the experiential learning. Some universities have revamped their GE program around experiential learning but that doesn't mean GVSU needs to do that.

New Business

- Review 2019-2024 Demographics Report
We are currently preparing an Equity Gap Report using data from 2019-2024. This report cannot be directly compared to the 2013-2019 report due to changes in the methodology. If there is a difference of 5% or more, we consider it to be an equity gap. We have also conducted a statistical significance test, and the results are included in the report. The green cells in the tables represent areas where we are performing well or where no equity gap exists.
- Revisions to Prerequisite Policy
Should units be allowed to restrict GE courses to their majors or other majors? Members agree that a small portion could be restricted.
A member proposed the following guidelines based on the number of sections offered in an academic year:
 - 1 section: No restrictions
 - 2 or more sections: Up to 50% may be restricted for specific majors or linked courses.

Curriculum

- WGS 101 SLO Change – Drop Oral Communication and add Written Communication
Action Taken: D. Danko moved to approve. D. Malaret 2nd. Motion carries 9-0.

- INT 380: A Global History of Rivers Special Topics Course to be added to Issues – Sustainability and Cultures – Global Perspectives
Action Taken: D. Malaret moved to approve. K. Christopher 2nd. Motion carries 9-0.
- CAP 331: Social Media Analytics (Log# 13715) – Add to Issues-IIT
Action Taken: J. Winter moved to ask for amendment as discussed. D. Danko 2nd. Motion carries 9-0. Amendment to be returned to Chair.
- EGR 180 – This course was approved at the last meeting. The Engineering department met with VMA to discuss the course. VMA has asked they change the title from Engineering Art and Design to Engineering Graphics and Design. This change is reflected on the Special Topics course list and in Banner.

Adjournment – 4:30 p.m.