

General Education Committee Meeting

303C DeVos

Minutes of 4/7/2025

PRESENT: Beomkyu Choi; Kathryn Christopher; Phyllis Curtiss; Dori Danko; Brian Drake; Firas Hindeleh; Dennis Malaret; Rajvardhan Patil; Chad Sutcliffe; Patrick Thorpe; David Vessey, Chair; Janet Winter

ALSO PRESENT: C. "Griff" Griffin, Director, General Education; Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator

NOT PRESENT: Hsiao-Ping Chen; Maya Hobscheid; Felix Ngassa, AVP of Academic Affairs

Consent Agenda

- Approval of today's agenda
- Approval of minutes 3/17/25

Chair's Report – The Chair met with two faculty members who had CARs placed on warning. Both said the courses are not good fits for General Education. Next meeting, we will vote on the End of Year Report, which is due on April 15, and elect a Chair.

Director's Report – The GE Handbook will be delivered to Admissions on Wednesday. We hired a new Graduate Assistant for next year.

Provost's Office Report – None.

New Business

- Revisions to Integration Wording
Faculty might be confused by the definition of Integration, as it doesn't match the outcome. The definition talks about experiences, but the outcome is focused on multiple disciplines. These need to match.
Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to strike "experiences" from the definition. K. Christopher 2nd. Motion carries 12-0.
- Revisions to Prerequisite/Permit Policy
The committee discussed this policy at the last meeting. We decided to allow units to have permits if they get permission from the committee first.
Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to approve with the changes discussed. K. Christopher 2nd. Motion carries 12-0.
- Discussion of assessment in satellite campuses
Should we be assessing at branch campuses? There are different students and different faculty than on campus. How do we guarantee the learning is consistent? GEC thinks we should have assessment at the satellite campuses and will work on a policy during the Fall 2025 semester.
- Review Skills portion of Equity Gap Report – Tabled until Fall 2025.

Curriculum

- ENG 304: Teaching International Literature for Children and Young Adults (Log# 12780)
Amendment: Explain how the Issue of Globalization will be taught by the instructor.

Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to ask for an amendment as discussed. K. Christopher 2nd. Motion carries 11-0-1. Amendment to be returned to Chair.

- ENG 334: Children's and Adolescent Multicultural Literature (Log# 12781) – Add to Issues – Identity and Cultures – U.S. Diversity

Action Taken: K. Christopher moved to approve. B. Choi 2nd. Motion carries 12-0.

- CIS 265: Understanding Artificial Intelligence (Log# 13776) – Add to Mathematical Sciences
Amendment: The group projects need to be individual assignments for assessment. Needs to be clearer how it will teach mathematical and quantitative reasoning. Possibly change from Information Literacy to Problem Solving, or make sure all topics of Information Literacy are covered. Changes to the SoR are necessary to fit the MS Foundation.

Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to ask for an amendment as discussed. F. Hindeleh 2nd. Motion carries 12-0. Amendment to be returned to committee.

- REL 280: Sacred Spaces and Stories – Special Topics course for Philosophy and Literature

Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to let them do it. C. Sutcliffe 2nd. Motion carries 12-0

Adjournment – 4:25 p.m.