

General Education Committee Meeting

303C DeVos

Minutes of 1/12/2026

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

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

NOT PRESENT: David Alvarez (class conflict); Beomkyu Choi; Samantha Minnis

Consent Agenda

- Approval of today's agenda
- Approval of minutes 11/17/25

Chair's Report – No meeting next week because of MLK Day. Fall CARs are due from faculty on Friday. Chair met with a few faculty members regarding CARs and/or assessment procedures.

Director's Report – Assessment workshops started last Friday and will continue through this week. The director reminded faculty to get their assessment data and CAR done before summer break. The GE Program offered to cut the cost of the GE Handbook design and printing to save money as part of the cost-saving exercise. We are waiting to hear how to proceed. GE will no longer require Faculty-led Study Abroad students to take two courses from two different disciplines. They can be from the same discipline if taken abroad. The Director is retiring effective May 2026.

Provost Office Report – The Provost's Office is working with UCC to ensure curriculum change policies are consistent with Board policies.

New Business

- Discussion of GE Digital Literacy Survey
We talked last semester about possibly doing a survey of GE faculty regarding Digital Literacy. Some members agree that we should do something about DL as it will impact General Education. GE will take the list of 15, take out level 1, and make a survey that asks Yes or No if those items should be taught in GE.

Curriculum

- CJ 245: Communities and Crime (Log# 13837) – Add to Foundations – SBS
Amendment: Change group assignment to individual and shift the focus of Knowledge SLOs 1-3.
Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to ask for amendment as discussed. F. Hindeleh 2nd. Motion carries 10-0.
- HTM 235: Managing Tourism and Recreation Experiences (Log# 14119) – Add to Foundations – SBS
Amendment: Add self and peer evaluation to Collaboration. Change the group assignment to an individual. Rethink discussion boards. Revise SLO #1 to focus on methodology and #2 to focus on teaching methods, findings, etc.
Action Taken: D. Malaret moved to ask for amendment as discussed. D. Danko 2nd. Motion carries 10-0.

- ART 155: Introduction to Drawing (Log# 14165) – Add to Foundations – Arts
Amendment: SLO #3 needs to ask students to explain the historical context. Make explicit that there is a formal oral presentation for Oral Communication.
Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to ask for amendment as discussed. R. Patil 2nd.
Motion carries 10-0.
- INT 280: Ethics in a Post-Apocalypse (Special Topics) – Add to Foundations – P&L and Cultures – Global Perspectives
Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to approve. R. Patil 2nd. Motion carries 10-0.
- INT 380: A Global History of Rivers (Special Topics) – Add to Issues – Sustainability and Cultures – Global Perspectives
Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to approve. K. Christopher 2nd. Motion carries 10-0.

Adjournment – 4:32 p.m.