

General Education Committee Meeting

303C DeVos

Minutes of 1/26/2026

PRESENT: Beomkyu Choi; Phyllis Curtiss; Dori Danko; Brian Drake; Firas Hindeleh; Rajvardhan Patil; Patrick Thorpe; David Vessey, Chair; Janet Winter

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

NOT PRESENT: David Alvarez (class conflict); Kathryn Christopher; Dennis Malaret

Consent Agenda

- Approval of today's agenda
- Approval of minutes 1/12/26

Chair's Report – Talked to a faculty member who was assessed in the Fall, and is unhappy have to assess again this winter.

Director's Report –

The handbook will be produced again this year despite the 5% budget exercise discussions; production will continue until we are told to stop.

Modern Languages Initiatives:

- Working with Records to code courses above 202 level for automatic Global Perspectives credit without requiring SAIL review.
- Establishing multiple pathways (like Math 110 and Writing 150 precedents) for prerequisites: courses can be satisfied by taking 202, placement testing, or faculty approval.
- Awaiting Records approval to avoid 20+ individual course changes.

Study Abroad and Issues Credit:

- Addressing inconsistencies with the International Education Committee (IEC) regarding Issues credit for faculty-led programs.
- Clarifying that the GE Committee has authority over Issues credit, not IEC
- GE website will be the authoritative source instead of IEC's website

Experiential Learning Proposal (for February 9th):

- Proposing a second pathway for issues credit for four professional programs: Engineering, Nursing, Social Work, and Teacher Education.
- Requirements: 6 required credits of field experience with faculty facilitation
- Students would write reflections on how experiences reinforced or contradicted classroom learning. Similar to Study Abroad.
- May allow some programs to reduce issues courses if all students use this pathway.

Provost Office Report – None.

New Business

- Review Skills Change requests: PHI 101 and 102

Action Taken: F. Hindeleh moved to approve. P. Thorpe 2nd. Motion carries 9-0.

- Review and Discuss CARs
Members discussed any CARs of concern.
- Discuss Digital Literacy Survey
The committee discussed what to do with the Digital Literacy (DL) survey results. Ten committee members took the survey on 18 potential DL competencies. The committee may change the rubrics to reflect digital competencies. If that happens, GEC will contact faculty to consult on any changes.

Curriculum

- CJ 245: Communities and Crime (Log# 13837) – Add to Foundations – SBS
Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to approve. F. Hindeleh 2nd. Motion carries 8-0.
- HTM 235: Managing Tourism and Recreation Experiences (Log# 14119) – Add to Foundations – SBS
Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to approve. B. Drake 2nd. Motion carries 8-0.
- ART 155: Introduction to Drawing (Log# 14165) – Add to Foundations – Arts
Action Taken: P. Thorpe moved to ask for an amendment as discussed. J. Winter 2nd. Motion carries 8-0-1.

Adjournment – 4:33 p.m.