

To: Felix Ngassa, ECS Chair

Cc: C. Griff Griffin, Director, General Education Program

From: Amy Ferdinandt Stolley, GEC Chair

Re: General Education Committee Mid-Year Report for 2022-2023

Date: December 7, 2022

FALL 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The General Education Committee (GEC) met 10 times in-person this semester on Mondays from 3:00-4:30 p.m. and can report progress in the following areas:

Curriculum: GEC reviewed 6 course proposals, some with multiple resubmissions. All 6 proposals were approved. We also reviewed and approved one Special Topics course proposal.

Assessment: During the fall semester, GEC reviewed and replied to 47 Course Assessment Reports (CARs). The GE committee approved 39 of them. Five CARs were given a Warning and 3 were placed on Probation; these courses must reassess next semester. The GEC Chair and/or GE Director met with four units whose courses will be reassessed to offer suggestions and recommendations for a successful assessment next semester.

Revision to GE Course Proposal Form: We revised the GE Sail Form and approved a series of changes to help with overall clarity and reduce the need for proposal revisions. These changes will be implemented by the end of 2022.

Revision to CAR Feedback Forms: To better reflect the intent of GEC's feedback, one of the categories on our response rubric was renamed from Recertified with Concerns to Recertified with Questions and/or Suggestions.

GE Website Revision: A small working group of committee members was formed to revise the GE website to improve the findability and accessibility of resources for faculty, students, and advisors. We expect this work to be completed by the end of W23.

Digital Literacy: GEC began discussing digital literacy and began reviewing the 2021-2022 Assessment Report. Conversations will continue in the winter term.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS PLANNED FOR WINTER 2022

GEC moved its meetings from 2:30-4:30 to better align with class schedules. In the winter, we will discuss whether to make this change permanent.

PROGRESS ON ECS CHARGES

- Charge 1: Development of Assessment Materials**
We will address this charge in W23.
- Charge 2: Program Review-Related Reportage**
We are awaiting information from other governance committees to proceed with this work.
- Charge 3: Example Curriculum Proposals**
We will work to address this charge during W23; however, because we have made significant changes to the SAIL proposal form, we may not be able to offer an exemplary curriculum proposal until next year.
- Charge 4: Example Curriculum Assessment Reports**
We will address this charge in W23.
- Charge 5: Subcommittees of GEC**
We will address this charge in W23.
- Charge 6: Training Materials**
We began this work in F22 as we oriented new members to the committee. Procedures and materials will be finalized in W23.

This report fulfills the charge of producing a mid-year report.

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