

General Education Committee Meeting

Zoom

Minutes of 11/8/2021

PRESENT: Robert Adams, Chair; Abdullah Alrebh; Steeve Buckridge; Phyllis Curtiss; Dori Danko; Brian Drake; Gabriele Gottlieb; Maya Hobscheid; Leon Lou; Dennis Malaret; Rajvardhan Patil; Linda Pickett; Amy Stolley; **ALSO PRESENT:** C. "Griff" Griffin, Director, General Education; Ellen Schendel, AVP of Academic Affairs; Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator
NOT PRESENT: Heather Chappell; Emily Nichols (participating via email due to class commitment); Robert Rozema; Chad Sutcliffe; Patrick Thorpe

Consent Agenda

- Approval of today's agenda
- Approval of minutes 11/1/21

Old Business

- Global Perspectives. Finalize language to seek feedback from units teaching in GP
Members discussed and edited the document to send to all faculty teaching a Global Perspectives course in 2021-2022. The survey will be sent out by the end of the week.
- US Diversity: Review unit feedback
Members reviewed the feedback received from units in U.S. Diversity. Using that feedback, GEC edited the description and SLOs. Member would like to send one last iteration out to Unit Heads for feedback.

Curriculum

- SOC 286: Health and Society (Log# 11791) – Add to Social and Behavior Sciences
Action Taken: M. Hobscheid moved to approve. G. Gottlieb 2nd. Motion carries 12-0.
- CIS 265: Understanding Artificial Intelligence (Log# 11772) – Add to Social and Behavior Sciences
Action Taken: G. Gottlieb moved to reject as a Foundations course and suggest to resubmit for Issues. B. Drake 2nd. Motion carries 13-0.
- COM 378: Intercultural Communication (Log# 11756) – Add to Issues-Identity
Action Taken: R. Adams moved to approve with amendment. R. Patil 2nd. Motion carries 13-0

Chair's Report – Submitted a leadership succession plan to ECS for inclusion in the faculty handbook.

Director's Report – The transfer system from community college to 4-year institution in Michigan used to be called MACRO now called the MTA. It allows students at a community college to fulfill Foundations. Each community college maintains their own courses that fulfill the MTA. For example, there might be 14 BIO courses at GRCC that students can get GE credit for at GVSU. However, the GRCC MTA only lists six. We are in the process of working with GRCC to expand the list of courses that can fulfill the MTA. It will be more transfer friendly.

Provost's Report – UAS voted to recommend to the Provost a new Prior Learning Policy for undergraduates. It allows students to earn university credit for work certifications, trainings, a

professional portfolio, etc. These credits are dependent upon the unit they are requesting credit from. Interim-Provost Plouff is expected to approve the policy. Students will not be able to earn Issues credit from these prior learning credits. The new program of Early Childhood Development was approved by the Board of Trustees on Friday.

Adjournment – 4:30 p.m.