

General Education Committee Meeting

303C DeVos

Minutes of 4/6/2026

PRESENT: Beomkyu Choi; Kathryn Christopher; Phyllis Curtiss; Dori Danko; Brian Drake; Dennis Malaret; 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); Firas Hindeleh; Samantha Minnis; Rajvardhan Patil; Patrick Thorpe

Consent Agenda

- Approval of today's agenda
- Approval of minutes 3/16/26

Chair's Report – Chair met with an assessor about a course on probation. They are clear what needs to happen in the future. Chair met with Political Science about the PLS 317 curriculum proposal and the proposer of THE 110 to clarify the amendment requests.

Director's Report – The General Education website has successfully transitioned to CMS 5 and went live last week. The Director met with the School of Interdisciplinary Studies (SIS) to clarify GEC assessment expectations, noting that several SIS courses are currently on warning status.

Provost Office Report – The Provost Office is restructuring, and AVP Ngassa will have a new role but will no longer be the GEC representative from the Provost's Office.

New Business

- Diversity Report
The GE Graduate Assistant (GA) suggested incorporating heat maps into the diversity report to visualize data more effectively; specifically, red indicators will signify an equity gap of +3% or greater. The GA is currently performing a deeper data analysis for the next meeting. In response to a member's request, the General Education office will add methodology and brief analytical points to the report. A formal vote by the GEC is scheduled for the next meeting.
- Revised Historical Analysis Outcomes
Members discussed new Historical Analysis Knowledge Outcomes proposed by History.
Action Taken: B. Drake moved to approve pending other units' input. K. Christopher 2nd. Motion carries 8-0.
- Review DL Modifications to IL and QL Rubrics
We have not received feedback from the library on adding DL to the Information Literacy rubric. We will explore this more next year and ask for a charge from ECS.

Curriculum

- PLS 317: Religion and Healing (Log# 12219) – Add to Issues-Health
Action Taken: K. Christopher moved to approve with amendment. D. Malaret 2nd. Motion carries 8-0.

- OSH 180: Dying on the Job: Human Health and Workplace Stressors (Special Topics Course) – Life Sciences (without Lab)
Action Taken: D. Danko moved to approve. D. Malaret 2nd. Motion fails 3-3-1. P. Curtis moved to approve with comment that they must make a case for how it fits into Life Sciences. B. Choi 2nd. Motion carries 8-0.

Adjournment – 4:00 p.m.