

## 2024-25 End-of-the-year Report

Committee name: General Education Committee

Committee chair: David Vessey

Date written: April 8, 2024

Fall meetings:

Number of meetings: Nine

Dates of meetings: 8/26, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 11/4, 12/2

Winter meetings:

Number of meetings: Eight

Dates of meetings: 1/13, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 3/17, 3/24 (no quorum) 4/7, 4/14

### Progress on each enumerated charge:

SHORE#: 1420

Charge title: Midyear Report

Current status:

- Completed (report posted 12/4/24)

SHORE#: 1431

Charge title: Year-End Report

Current status:

- Completed (report posted on 4/15/24)

### Work done related to standing charges:

- a) to provide guidance and support to the university community regarding the aims, philosophy, achievements and problems of the General Education Program.*
  - We met regularly with faculty from departments teaching or assessing courses in Gen Ed.
- b) to provide materials to assist instructors in teaching and assessing the general education knowledge and skills goals;*
  - We identified model assignments for assessing Problem Solving and Integration. We've received some copies of the assignments, and the next step is to post them on the General Education website.
- c) to review and act upon courses proposed for the General Education Program;*
  - We reviewed 19 curriculum items. 17 were sent back for amendments. 15 came back to the committee and 17 were approved. We approved 3 requests for a current course to change their Skills SLOs. We approved 3 x80 Special Topics courses.
- d) to make minor revisions to the General Education Program*
  - We changed the ways skills are chosen in most of the Foundations courses and in all the Cultures courses. Now units can choose two skills from any of the eight skills: Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Ethical Reasoning, Information Literacy, Oral Communication, Problem Solving, Quantitative Literacy, and Written Communication.

- We approved a revision to the Written Communication Rubric.
- We revised to the description of the Integration SLO.
- We made clearer and more explicit our Pre-Requisite Policy.
- We revised the assessment target percentages for the Skills outcomes.
- We revised our policy about Global Perspective credit for students who take a 300-400 language course that has 202 as a prerequisite.
- We modified the rubric levels 1 and 0 to be clearer.
- We changed Skills Learning Outcomes to Essential Skills Learning Outcomes.
- We established a policy about paying adjuncts and visitors for assessment.

*f) to ensure that the General Education skill and knowledge outcomes of each General Education course are assessed every four years:*

*1. to review and provide formative and/or summative feedback on General Education Course Assessment Reports:*

- 98 CARs were reviewed. 3 courses were given a warning for not completing the assessment. 79 courses were recertified, 15 were given a warning, and 1 was placed on probation.

*2. to report annually on student performance of the General Education knowledge and skills outcomes to faculty governance:*

- We reviewed and approved the 2023-24 General Education Assessment Report.
- We reviewed and approved the 2019-24 Assessment Report.
- We reviewed the 2019-24 Equity Report and passed it along to the EIC.

Six charges completed in past years, but not properly uploaded to SHORE, were uploaded.

### **Committee Members**

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