

General Education Committee Meeting

167 Lake Ontario Hall

Minutes of 8/25/2025

PRESENT: David Alvarez; Beomkyu Choi; Kathryn Christopher; Dori Danko; Brian Drake; Dennis Malaret; Samantha Minnis; David Vessey, Chair; Janet Winter

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

NOT PRESENT: Phyllis Curtiss; Firas Hindeleh; Rajvardhan Patil; Patrick Thorpe; Andrew Wick

Consent Agenda

- Approval of today's agenda
- Approval of minutes 4/14/25

Chair's Report – There are 42 CARs to review this semester. There are no charges for ECS. Chair met with some faculty this summer about their CARs. Chair will attend the curriculum roadmap workshop in a couple of weeks. There will be no meeting for the next two weeks. Our next meeting will be on September 15.

Director's Report – We hired a new Graduate Assistant for this year. Jen will be working remotely and participating in GEC meetings via Zoom. The university wants to have an online pathway through GE. The pathway has existed for some time, although some units might require a course that is in the GE program that is not taught online. GE is agnostic about the method of delivery; it neither encourages nor discourages the method of delivery, and the same is true for the number of sections offered.

Provost Office Report – Sean and Felix will be splitting GEC meetings again this year. The Provost's Office is doing strategic planning. Of interest to GEC is how to get AI into GE and foundational classes. More information can be found on the [Provost's Office website](#). GE has already been discussed and won't be bothered if departments agree to do it. GEC may have the option to comment on the details at a later date. AVP Lancaster communicated that GEC has already tried to add Digital Literacy.

Curriculum

- ENS 380: Critical Hope and Climate Change Action (Special Topics) – Issues-Globalization
Action Taken: D. Malaret moved to approve. D. Alvarez 2nd. Motion carries 9-0.
- EAS 280: Japanese Manga (Special Topics) – Arts and Global Perspectives
Action Taken: K. Christopher moved to approve. S. Minnis 2nd. Motion carries 9-0.
- CAP 315: Advertising Copywriting (Log# 13360) – Add to Issues-IIT
Action Taken: D. Danko moved to ask for an amendment as discussed. D. Malaret 2nd. Motion carries 9-0.
- RTX 202: Building Resilience: Skills for Life and Connection (Log# 13774) – Add to Foundations-Social and Behavioral Sciences
Action Taken: B. Choi moved to ask for an amendment as discussed. K. Christopher 2nd. Motion carries 9-0.

Adjournment – 4:23 p.m.