

General Education Committee Minutes

Thursday, September 16, 2021

11:00 a.m. – 11:39 p.m.

Lytle Hall + Zoom

Present

J. Stanley, A. Fu, M. O’Byrne, M. Junker, Q. Geng, K-H. Hsu, student member Isaiah

Also Present

K. Rauch, two submitting faculty attendees available via Zoom

Call to order

J. Stanley called the meeting to order at 11:03 am

I. Elections

- Vice Chair – J. Stanley announced that while K. Newlander cannot be present at this meeting he is willing to take an officer position. M. O’Byrne nominated Newlander for Vice President, seconded by M. Junker. Motion passed.
- Secretary – O’Byrne self-nominated for Secretary. Junker seconded. Motion passed.

II. Proposals

- LAS 22021 CRJ 10 Introduction to Criminal Justice. Moved for approval by Junker and seconded by Q. Geng. Approved with amendment to effective date.
- LAS 22004 ANT 165 The Muslim Middle East. Moved for approval by Junker and seconded by O’Byrne. Approved with amendment to effective date.
- LAS 22005 ANT/WGS 114 Women and Religion. Moved for approval by O’Byrne and seconded by Junker. Approved with amendment to effective date.
- LAS 21160 BIO 170 Pandemics and Infectious Diseases. Moved/seconded unrecorded. Approved with new cover sheet and approved changes to cover sheet including removing the “new course” indicator.
- FYS VPA 22017 Harry Potter. Moved for approval by K-H. Hsu and seconded by O’Byrne. Approved.

III. Announcements

- Fu proposes consideration of moving Fall 21 FYS meetings to Zoom. Seconded by O’Byrne. Note that it is especially difficult to manage meetings when some attendees are on Zoom and others are in person. Also, considering space and with a nod toward social distancing the motion passed. All Fall 21 meetings will be held 100% on Zoom.
- Rauch indicates that administrative assistance is provided by the university and B. French is likely to replace B. Meares in that capacity.
- FYS Coordinator – Submitted Title 3 grant to cover this position, expect to hear back in October 2021. Grant pays for shared CET/FYS administrative assistant. There will also be a committee – faculty load will not be impacted in terms of teacher/student ratio.

- Writing Group – for composition/A4 courses. Sharing department ideas to create consistency in the writing curriculum across campus. Any guideline changes to composition/A4 courses would be impacted by committees.
- Summary request sheets posted and should be used by the November 21 for all meeting proposals. This date gives time to make the official announcement and allow submitting faculty to transition to the new forms. Will continue to work on improvements to guidelines as needed.
- Faculty assessment practice to GEAC – what do we need to consider as GEC in terms of SLOs and any submitted activities? Stanley indicated there will likely be joint GEC/GEAC meetings in October to discuss.

IV. Move to dismiss, 11:39