

# General Education Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2022

11:00 a.m. – 11:53 a.m.

Zoom

## Present

Qin Geng, Ko-Hsin Hsu, Matthew Junker, Erin Kraal, Khori Newlander, Megan O’Byrne, Krista Prock, Karen Rauch, and Kathy Stanfa

## Absent

## Also Present

Bethany French

## Call to order

M. O’Byrne called the meeting to order at 11:00 am

### I. Approval of Minutes

#### a. Minutes from December 15, 2022

i. No edits

ii. It was moved by K. Prock, and seconded by M. Junker, to approve the Minutes.

MOTION PASSED.

### II. Announcements

a. K. Rauch shared that there is a UCC meeting is scheduled this week, and Marlene Fares has edited the title to the course she submitted to “Socially Just Hip-Hop,” as recommended by GEC.

b. Update on follow through with listing unapproved courses: M. O’Byrne is in communication with John Vafeas (chair of UCC), John Stanley (former GEC chair) and the Registrar’s Office to figure out how the unapproved courses were listed and will update the committee when there is more information.

### III. Proposals

a. No proposals submitted

### IV. New Business

#### a. Program Review

##### i. Fall Reports

1. M. O’Byrne provided an update on the work that was done over the Fall semester. She also noted that there are some issues finding documents in the OneDrive, and is working with John Stanley to make sure she has access to all the GEC historical documents.

##### ii. Spring Work

1. The committee discussed what work needs to be completed and which subcommittee will work on each part. There are four categories for Spring: Faculty; GEC Function; FYS/Connections/Advising/Housing; and Issues to Address. The Big Picture subcommittee will focus on GEC Function, and the Assessment subcommittee will work on the other three categories.

b. Composition Coordinator

- i. Amy Lynch-Binieck is serving as the Composition Coordinator, and is visiting GEC at the next meeting. She wants to make sure everyone is aware of any changes to Composition courses.
- ii. K. Newlander noted that Composition is a GE course/category and not one person's focus. He asked what GEC is hoping A. Lynch-Binieck does to change it?
- iii. E. Kraal is meeting with A. Lynch-Binieck next week as the CEL director. She added that A. Lynch-Binieck is concerned about having enough CMP 200 course sections for students, and that she is planning to do an assessment and analysis of the current composition program within GE to help formulate suggestions for changes.
- iv. K. Newlander shared he is concerned that composition is focusing only on writing and not enough on research. He suggested having a group discuss best practices and direction for composition.
- v. M. O'Byrne is glad that A. Lynch-Binieck wants to include interested parties in this process and in gathering data. She added that APSCUF is aware of these conversations, and sent a reminder to committee chairs of the approval process.
- vi. Discussion ensued. The committee discussed how to resolve the issues of lack of faculty teaching CMP and FYS courses, including retooling existing courses to be taught in additional categories or FYS. K. Rauch noted that courses can count for two categories, and noted that there are upcoming changes for Fall 2023 that should help reduce these issues. She has met with the Provost and the Dean about this topic.

c. Gen Ed Category C Workshop

- i. M. O'Byrne opened discussion on this topic, and shared her screen with the tentative schedule for that day. The organizers are planning to bring in a guest speaker, either in person or over Zoom, who would focus on Category C: Understanding Science and Technology. There is a planned norming session and time designated for conducting ratings. After lunch, they are planning a World Café discussion style session for participants while some GEC/GEAC members work on an initial analysis of the ratings. The final section will be a workshop to discuss the initial analysis, consider fall syllabi and planning, and to discuss outcomes. The date for the workshop is May 23, 2023.

V. Move to adjourn by K. Newlander, seconded by K. Stanfa. Meeting ended at 11:53am.