

# General Education Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

11:00 a.m. – 11:57 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

None

## Also Present

Bethany French, Jeremy Justeson, Derek Mace, and Greg Shelley

## Call to order

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

## I. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes from September 27, 2022

i. No edits

ii. It was moved by E. Kraal, and seconded by K. Prock, to approve the Minutes.  
MOTION PASSED.

## II. Announcements

a. The September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled due to technical issues with Zoom, and all items were reviewed at the continuation meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

b. GEC JEDI report has been posted to the D2L page, and it is noted that J. Stanley had submitted it in Spring 2022.

## III. Proposals

- Cat B – LAS23026 PSY 011 – General Psychology

i. M. O’Byrne thought the rationale for SLO 6 for PSY 011 was a little thin. D. Mace agreed, but this was meant as an exemplar; he stated this could be expanded. M. O’Byrne brought up that the examples of assignments for SLO 6 were also a little unclear. G. Shelley addressed these concerns, noting that this course covers a little bit of everything in Psychology. Discussion ensued.

ii. K. Newlander brought up discussions on teaching this category with the same rigor as the writing/composition courses.

- Cat B – LAS23027 PSY 110 – Child Psychology

- Cat B – LAS23028 PSY 125 – Life Span Development

- Cat B – LAS23029 PSY 140 – Educational Psychology

- Cat B – LAS23030 PSY 202 – Psychology of Personality

- Cat B – LAS23031 PSY 240 – Introduction to Social Psychology

- Cat B – LAS23032 PSY 250 – Abnormal Psychology

K. Newlander had a question for D. Mace about the diversity aspect of these courses. D. Mace spoke to this, noting that these classes use international resources, and those that have limited population diversity noted that.

It was moved by K. Newlander, and seconded by E. Kraal, to consider and pass the Psych courses as a block. MOTION PASSED.

E. Kraal made a statement about normalizing our conversations about academic rigor for the general education process. Appreciates that the psychology courses have led the standard on that.

M. Junker suggested templates for submissions, especially since we don't currently have one for Category B. There we could include the questions that we want to see, such as the questions about SLO 6.

- Cat B – VPA23020 MUS080 – Intro to Music Production and Songwriting  
J. Justeson was present to speak to this proposal. M. O'Byrne noted this was listed as Category D on the agenda, but is corrected to Category B. MOB said it read to her like a Cat D course, asked J. Justeson to clarify. J. Justeson noted it was originally written for a Category D, but the department chose to make it a Category B instead. K. Newlander noted that both categories address SLO 6; Category B addresses SLO 3 & 6, and Category D addresses SLO 4 & 6. K. Newlander thinks the analysis parts addressing SLO 3 pushes it more to Category B than D, so this listing is appropriate.  
It was moved by K. Newlander, and seconded by M. Junker, to consider and approve the proposal. MOTION PASSED.

K. Newlander noted that in the context of reviewing the General Education program, that the close relationship between Category B & D should be examined to how it benefits the overall GE program.

- FYS – LAS23006 – The Prison Industrial Complex  
M. O'Byrne noted that this proposal is not complete. It was noted that M. Khondaker is currently teaching this course, possibly under an emergency provision.  
It was moved by E. Kraal, and seconded by K. Rauch, to table this proposal. MOTION PASSED.

#### IV. New Business

##### a. Election of Officers for AY 2022-2023

###### i. Vice Chair

1. K. Prock was nominated for Vice Chair by M. Khondaker. K. Prock accepted the nomination. It was moved by M. Khondaker, and seconded by E. Kraal, to elect K. Prock as the Vice Chair. MOTION PASSED.

###### ii. Secretary

1. E. Kraal nominated herself for the position of Secretary. It was moved by K. Prock, and seconded by M. Junker, to elect E. Kraal as the Secretary.  
MOTION PASSED.
  - b. Program Review
    - i. M. O’Byrne reported on subdividing the AGLS Guide into sections, and reviewed the proposed sections with the committee. She asked for everyone to work on one of the subcommittees for writing the report, and opened discussion by the committee. Discussion ensued.
    - ii. Delegation of items into subcommittees:
      1. Big Picture group: M. O’Byrne, M. Junker, and E. Kraal volunteered to work on this subcommittee
      2. Assessment group: K. Rauch, K. Prock, Q. Geng and K. Newlander will work on this subcommittee
      3. M. O’Byrne will reach out to K. Stanfa about which group she would like to work with. K. Hsu will be assigned to a subcommittee when she returns from leave.
  - c. FYS Proposed Master Syllabus Revision
    - i. The proposed Master Syllabus Revision for FYS was shared on Zoom, and M. Khondaker reviewed the reasons for this revision, including an expedited approval process, cohesion across the FYS courses, and incorporating recommended components for the course. Discussion ensued.
    - ii. The committee discussed the structure and content of the FYS Master Syllabus, particularly the course objectives, enhancing the tone of academic rigor in the course, and the role of faculty.
    - iii. E. Kraal noted that GEC needs to determine what FYS is and how it should be taught before making substantive changes to a master syllabus. There was discussion about taking an orientation based approach to FYS and combining it with academic rigor via the topics.
    - iv. The committee discussed the importance of professional development and training for those faculty teaching FYS courses. M. Khondaker stated that he plans to address this with a FYS training program every August, and an FYE conference every Spring.
    - v. M. O’Byrne stated that this topic needs more discussion by the committee before voting on it. This topic will appear on the next meeting’s agenda for further discussion.
- V. Other Business
- a. M. O’Byrne asked about using the next regular GEC meeting, scheduled for 10/20/22, for a joint committee meeting with GEAC, and using the continuation meeting on 10/25 for regular business. The committee agreed.
- VI. Move to adjourn by E. Kraal, seconded by M. Junker. Meeting ended at 11:57am.