General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2021

Members Present: Nancy Diller, Carol Van Der Karr, Lauren Delaubell, Daniel Radus, Douglas Armstead, Garrett Otto, Gregory Ketcham, Eunyoung Jung, Mecke Nagel, Ryan Fiddler, Stephen Cunningham

Members Absent : Daniel Reischer

Guest: Paul Arras

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| **Topic** | **Comments** | **Action** |
| **Approval of Minutes** | Approved | **Approved** |
| **Review any GE proposals in Curriculog** | COM 200 course (Communication History) was submitted to add GE 4 attribute. It is currently GE 5 course. Paul Arrasl came to the meeting and addressed GE committee’s questions* This is summary of Paul’s responses: 1) This course covers contents 20% (western in general) vs. 80% (the U.S. focus). The class contents cover communication history focusing on America. 2) Regarding SLO3, students learn how both technologies and ideas travel between Euope and the U.S. 3) This course also covers contemporary U.S. history (e.g., BLM) in connection to communication. But the syllabus does not have related readings for the contemporary issues. 4) Regarding GE description (American society and state), students discuss how communication (media) power relates to the growth of state and global power. (e.g., American revolution)
* Committee suggested that focusing only on GE 4 – letting GE 5 go – may strengthen this course, and renaming a course to clarify students’ understanding of the nature of this course.
* The committee voted 6:2 to approve the course with the contingency of removal of GE 5 and changing the course title.

Reviewed AAS 315 course proposal* This is cross-listed with ECO 315 which was already approved.
* Approved unanimously.

Reviewed SCI 304 course proposal to remove GE 3 attribute. * The instructor has been changing, and it does not have social science component anymore.
* Approved unanimously.

Reviewed BIO 203 course proposal* There is no attachement of department comments.
* Committee discussed about pre-reqs: one year of undergraduate level biology (BIO 201/202 or BIO 110/111)”.
* It was not clear what “one year” pre-req means.
* Many students take 100 and 200 level Bio classes. But, this pre-req will still limit students who can take this course.
* GE courses usually do not have pre-req while some GE 2 courses have pre-reqs.
* The rationales for pre-reqs need to be provided.
* There are more equivalent courses to this course besides MAT 201 and PSY 201 that cannot be taken with BIO 203

Assessment (send a letter directly, thank you for submitting) | **Approved COM 200 as GE 4 category with contingency (removal of GE 5 attribute and change of title)****Approved AAS 315 proposal****Approved SCI 304 propposal (drop GE 3 attribute)****Ask to provie rationales to have pre-reqs for this course.** **Find all equivalent courses (statistics) to this course** |
| **Assessment Updates** | * Sub-committes need to complete any additional assessments.
 | **Subcommittees write an email to the departments about the assessment result and suggestions.**  |
|  |  | **Meeting adjourned 9:30 am** |

Submitted by

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