General Education Committee

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| **Topic** | **Comments** | **Action Item** |
| Minutes from November 18, 2014 | Minutes reviewed. | Minutes approved.  |
| French 425: French Cinema | The committee deliberated on French 425: French Cinema as a proposed GE course.Areas discussed included:Course appeared mostly for students with strong French background (Jennifer). Learning outcomes were quite narrow, but appropriate to course and category (David). The number of prerequisites at the upper level was also a concern for the committee. There were questions regarding enrollment and frequency of offering. It was noted that the proposed GE status might spur enrollment.Several prominent questions emerged from the deliberations:What is the need for the course to be GE? What is the justification for GE8? What is the justification for the 425 level? It was decided that a note should be sent to the Modern Languages Department requesting clarification for the proposed GE status.  | Jennifer sent note outlining committee concerns and asking for clarifications for course justification for the 425 level.Committee deferred approval until it receives response from the Modern Languages Department.  |
| Timelines for Assessment | Assessment will be deferred for this year (Carol). An overview was offered for the committee.The committee would revisit waivers if GE referendum passes. (Carol)GE Committee would commit to addressing courses affected by the revisions, should the referendum pass. Spring 2015 could be used for that purpose.  | The GE Committee will focus on developing the four-year assessment plan. |
| Call for adjournment  | Next meeting scheduled for the spring 2014 semester. | Committee adjourned. |
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Respectfully Submitted by Sam Kelley, December 17, 2014