In Attendance: Matthew Cressler, Susan Divine, Allison Jones, Alex Kasman, Susan Kattwinkel (Chair), Karen Smail (Gen Ed Faculty Coordinator), and Ryan Thompson (SGA)

ASL Proposal: Last semester some students contacted us about their proposal to allow American Sign Language courses to fulfill language requirement. SK wrote to Shawn Morrison with the committee's thoughts on the proposal and thought we were "done with it". RT announced at today's meeting that he is charged by SGA with continuing to pursue it, although the students who originally proposed it no longer seem to be very motivated. AJ reports that Shawn Morrison met with the students and offered stronger arguments against the proposal than we had heard previously. In particular, the deaf community's culture is a sub-culture of the broader American one and English is their written language. Together, these would prevent ASL from fulfilling some of the Gen Ed SLOs.

Action: RT will pursue with SGA and report back.

Math Alternatives: Deb Mihal will meet with Bill Manaris and Computer Science to urge them to reconsider their decision not to apply for any of their courses to fulfill the math/logic requirement for students with documented math disabilities. She will emphasize that small number of students who would qualify. So far, we have not heard anything from Finance about FINC 120, the only other course currently being considered a viable option as an alternative.

Action: Awaiting report from Deb Mihal and response from Finance. AK will continue to pursue the idea of creating special sections of courses that fulfill the requirement designed for students with documented math/logic disabilities. (The only difficulty so far is finding an instructor who is qualified and willing.)

HNDI 101, 102, 201, 202: These Elementary/Intermediate Hindi courses are being deactivated due to low enrollment. We questioned whether we really have a role in this or whether it is a quirk of Curriculog that we were charged with considering this proposal simply because the courses happen to fulfill a Gen Ed requirement.
Nevertheless, none in attendance at the meeting could think of any reason that GenEd would suffer if these courses were eliminated.

**Action**: SK will check with voting committee members who were not at the meeting and will approve the proposal on Curriculog if they have no objections.

**Promoting Gen Ed with Website**: As discussed last semester, we are hoping to foster greater appreciation for and understanding of the General Education requirements. This idea received approval from President Osborne at an advisory committee meeting where SK raised it. So, we had requested from Marcia White in College Marketing a dedicated website for this purpose. The creation of a new website was refused on the grounds that sites such as registrar.cofc.edu/general-edu/index.php already serve this purpose. It therefore seems at this point that our best option would be to get help from the registrar in making that page more like what we want. Things that we want from it that it does not do presently include:

- Have a format and style that will appeal to current and potential students. (The page as it appears now is very dry. KS says she wrote it with Gia Quesada for SACS, which is a very different audience than we hope to reach.)
- Include an explanation of why students should be happy about GenEd.
- Video testimonials from students and perhaps President Hsu (embedded in page, not links?)
- Links from academic pages that students would be more likely to be browsing than the registrar’s page.
- etc.

**Action**: SK will create a draft list of priorities in Google Docs where this committee can list and prioritize everything we want to see on this page. That can be used in further discussions with IT, Marketing, President and Registrar as we seek a home for the site we are imagining.

**Next Meeting**: Feb 1, 2019 at 2PM