General Education Committee Meeting
12 September 2022
5:00pm held over Zoom

Members in attendance:
Suanne Ansari (co-chair)  
William McCorkle (co-chair)  
John Chadwick  
Carmen Grace  
Susan Kattwinkel  
Blanche McCune  
Purushottam (PL) Meena  
William Veal – Speaker of the Faculty  
(Guest)  
Karen Smail (ex officio)  
Gia Quesada (ex officio)

Meeting Minutes

Suanne gave an overview of what the focus of the committee should be this academic year:

1. Continue to work on the Math/Logic Alt subcommittee.

2. Since there is no procedure to remove non-compliant courses from the GenEd list of approved courses, the committee needs to work with the General Education Coordinator and other appropriate parties to determine a procedure.

3. The description of the GenEd committee does not include the review of REI courses and Founding documents. Last year the committee spent too much time reviewing the REI courses instead of focusing on the duties that FAM specifies for this committee. E.g., assessment of data for the General Education Program, review of proposals of individual courses, promoting and explaining the program’s goals, so individual classes meet GenEd requirements.

After some deliberations (e.g., if Simon Lewis, director of REI, should be a GenEd member ex officio), the committee decided that Suanne confirms first with Simon what his committee decided about who will review the REI courses. If the GenEd committee is not responsible, then our committee will ask the senate about what to do with the Founding Documents’ review. If the responsibility resides on the GenEd committee, then we will reach out to the senate to propose the need for changes, such as updating the definition of the GenEd committee in the FAM.

4. The new committee members asked for some background on the sub-committees that we will be charged with this year. Suanne previously shared a Senate link for the General Education description and will send the history of the Math/Logic Alt Subcommittee.
5. Will McCorkle announced that he would meet with the Faculty Advisory Committee to the President next week. For example, they will discuss if Labor Day should be a holiday.

6. William Veal, Speaker of the Faculty, asked if he should bring to the senate and the provost to vote about Fall Break.

7. For the last item, Suanne and Will McCorkle will send an email for members to sign up for the two proposed sub-committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.