

## General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 08/31/2021

Attending members:

Suanne Ansari (Chair)                      Carmen Grace

Brigit Ferguson (Secretary)              Kate Owens

William McCorckle

Apologies communicated: Gabriel Williams

Why so many courses from AAST?

- Pre-existing courses now going up for REI requirement
- Gen Ed Committee now oversees approval of REI courses - these are not Gen Ed, but we have existing infrastructure

Most courses have exam as “signature assignment.” Does that fulfill requirement for assessment?

- Might be hard to impose assessment models on programs, especially in programs involving multiple departments
- We'll leave this up to assessment committees, they can object if assignments are not representative

Unsure when REI requirement will kick in. Probably not this AY

AAST syllabi have consistent template

Discussion of the implications of the REACH Act: how will these courses fit with Gen Ed? How will LOs be assessed? Will a single course need to cover all 5 documents? Assessment will be challenging if this is split among multiple courses.

- Kate shared this review standard for something totally different:  
<https://www.qualitymatters.org/sites/default/files/PDFs/StandardsfromtheQMHigherEducationRubric.pdf>

Clarification Needed:

AAST 366 Race-Ethnic Relations: We note that the SLO Assessment was listed as during “Exam 3” but the affiliated syllabus does not mention a schedule for this exam. We request an updated syllabus that lists this assignment.

Approved:

- CHEM 101 (catalog description change only)

*Race, Equity, and Inclusion (REI) proposals*

- AAST 270 Folklore of African Diaspora
- AAST 200 Introduction to African American Studies
- AAST 280 Introduction to African American Music
- AAST 300 Special Topics
- AAST 315 Black Women Writers
- AAST 330 Black Images in the Media
- AAST 333 Studies in Black Feminism
- AAST 340 Race, Violence, and Memory in American History

- AAST 345 Race and Sports in America
- AAST 350 Comparative Black Identity
- AAST 360 Mass Incarceration and Its Roots

**Next Meeting:** September 17th @ 2PM over Zoom