

## General Education Committee Meeting

16 March 2022

1:00PM held over Zoom

### Members in attendance:

Suanne Ansari (chair)

Gabriel Williams

Carmen Grace

Karen Smail (ex officio)

William McCorkle

Gia Quesada (ex officio)

Kate Owens

Apologies provided by Brigit Ferguson

### Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting minutes were approved from Feb 10th meeting ([Minutes available here](#))
2. HIST 213 and JWST 260 are cross-listed. This Committee voted to approve the proposal to include this course as a General Education History course. However, we were later notified that the intention of the faculty involved was to have this course listed as a General Education **Humanities** course (instead of History distribution area). Jason Coy (History) and Yaron Avalon (Jewish Studies) both confirmed that these cross-listed courses should be listed as Humanities. There have been other courses that have been cross listed in the past, and so the issue goes beyond this one course in some aspects.

There was concern by one of the members that some of these history courses are being taken as humanities courses. There was some concern that this was more about enrollment and that this was not as much an issue for gen ed. General Education status should not be based on issues of enrollment.

A motion was made and approved to support HIST 213 in the General Education Humanities distribution area.

3. CSC 115: The Math/Logic Alternative Subcommittee reports that CSCI 115 (Web Design) was formally approved by the Senate for the Math/Logic Alternative course list. We note that the list is still very short, and having more courses available for students with the Math/Logic Alternative designation would be very useful. The population of students needing the alternative remains small (~50 in total across campus). In the future, departments like Business/Finance could be consulted to see if they would support any of those courses being offered as Math/Logic Alternatives.
4. Suanne asked the committee what suggestions they have regarding projects for GenEd 22/23. Gia had an idea that we should go back and look back at past approved courses and to see which courses are actually providing assessment data especially as it might be a year where there are less proposals.

The Math/Logic Alt Subcommittee and GenEd Committee all believe the efforts of the subcommittee should be continued in the next year.

5. Simon mentioned that REI might need to be assessed as part of the General Education Committee. A vote will be taken about the name and implementation next faculty senate meeting
6. Suanne stated she will send the year-end report to the committee for their review and suggestions by the end of the semester.
7. The Committee shared in mutual congratulations and appreciation for all the work completed this year. There will be no more GenEd 21/22 meetings. The next meeting will be in April 2022 with the membership for 22/23 to elect a chair.
8. Adjourn