

General Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 17th 2021

Attending members:

Suanne Ansari (Chair)

Karen Smail (ex-officio)

Jacob Craig

Kate Owens (Co-Secretary)

Carmen Grace

Gia Quesada (ex-officio)

Gabriel Williams

William McCorkle

Apologies from: Brigit Ferguson

Agenda

I. Select a Secretary for Friday GenEd Meetings

II. Approve the Minutes from the August 31, 2021 meeting

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III. Discussion of proposals in Curriculog; see latest agenda in curriculog

IV. Discussion of FD requirement course proposal review standard

V. Discussion of Math/Logic Alternative history, status, action plan

- [Math Logic Alternative March 17 2017.docx](#)
- [Math Alternatives-AA-RO-Joint-Memo-February-20-2020-FINAL.pdf](#)

Minutes

- Our next meeting is **September 28th, 2021**
- Kate Owens agreed to be co-Secretary of the Committee.
- Gia Quesada provided us the description of this committees role:

The committee's responsibilities include monitoring and reviewing the General Education Program and initiating or reviewing all General Education Program revision proposals, prior to their consideration by the Faculty Senate. The committee initiates actions, devises procedures, and makes recommendations to the Provost and to the Faculty Senate on any and all aspects of General Education Program administration and program features. Such recommendations can be the modification or termination of courses fulfilling General Education program requirements. The committee consults with the Committee on Assessment of Institutional Effectiveness and the Office for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning when conducting periodic assessments of the General Education program.

(Description adapted from the Faculty/Administration Manual, August 2017: Article V, Section 3.B.19)

- Update about the REI courses: Gia Quesada asked about the approval criteria for REI courses and, without the approval criteria in place, she asked about the role of the General Education Committee in approving/disapproving these courses. Karen Smail shared an emailed July 27th 2021 from Simon Lewis that essentially implies that until the Faculty Senate sets the criteria, the Gen Ed committee should *not* be evaluating courses for the REI requirements. Karen suggests that we reach out to Morgan Koerner (German Studies) and Anthony Greene (African American Studies).
- According to the “REI_CoverLetterJuly14.docx”, we conclude that the REI proposals should be forwarded, through Curriculog, to the Curriculum committee due to the following statement in that document:

“Should funding for an REI director be provided, the director would be responsible for these approvals; in the case that no funding for the REI director emerges, the Ad Hoc Committee suggests that **one or two members of the Curriculum Committee** be designated as REI representatives who would complete these approvals.” (emphasis added)

- Gia Quesada provided an updated list of courses for consideration of General Education status for our current agenda:
 - ANTH 115 -- requesting social sciences designation
- Gia suggests that we notify Simon Lewis that our “approvals” from our previous meeting should not be sent forward to the Faculty Senate step.
- Suanne Ansari will communicate with Simon Lewis regarding the REI proposals coming through the Committee’s work flow and report back.
- New Topic: **Founding Document Review Standard**. We had some discussion about the REACH Act and we will request some further guidance.
- Suanne Ansari will follow up with Mark Del Mastro for further information and report back to the Committee.
- Brief discussion of Math/Logic alternative agenda item, to be continued.

Approved for General Education status

ANTH 115