

General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 09/28/2021

Attending members:

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| Suanne Ansari (Chair) | William McCorckle |
| Brigit Ferguson (Co-Secretary) | Carmen Grace Gia Quesada (ex-officio) |

Karen Smail (ex-officio)

Apologies communicated: Gabriel Williams, Kate Owens

Guest in attendance:

Morgan Koerner (Co-Chair Ad Hoc REI Committee)

Minutes from 09/17 approved

Morgan Koerner on approving REI courses

- Koerner sent committee's review document to all committee members
- Gen Ed Committee selected to approve these until another path can be determined
- Courses in the Gen Ed pipeline have already been reviewed and approved by the REI committee
- Simon Lewis advises us to hold off on reviewing these until the Senate officially approves the REI requirement scheduled to vote at Oct. 5 meeting
- Discussion about buy-in among Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences. There is eagerness generally.
- Faculty want training to teach these courses
- How will we process meeting 2 out of 3? Does each student need to have all 3 of the SLOs?
 - Courses will only be approved if that course will always meet those requirements. E.g., HIST 115 will need to get a new number to designate it as an REI course.
- Further along in the process than the REACH requirement
- What about assessment?
 - This will need to be determined after the requirement passes the Senate
- Assessing syllabi: how will we determine that the course really meets that $\frac{1}{3}$ requirement?
 - We can push back against proposals that seem to have less than $\frac{1}{3}$

Student member

- There are 2 interested students, but they have not responded to Ansari's email

Approved

Natural Science Gen Ed Requirement, request to approve changed language to remove requirement that each course have 3-credit hour + 1-credit lab. Transfer students are having to go back and re-do the lab portion if their previous institution course descriptions don't specify 8

credit hours. Transfer courses still must have a lab component in order to be approved. This has been held up for years!

Review Standard for Founding Documents Requirement

As per the document "A Resolution from the Faculty Senate Regarding Implementation of the REACH Act" an ad hoc committee is requested to review these courses and determine review standards. So this may not be our task. We will pause this task pending the outcome of the REACH Act Resolution (Oct. 5 Senate Agenda item.)x

College attempted to put this on hold for a year, but legal affairs did not support. Faculty have not had the opportunity to vet courses meeting this requirement.

There is no time to set up assessment framework before implementation

Some other state institutions were given an additional year to implement act.

Legal department stated that we needed to implement it immediately this past summer.

The resolution will be voted on October 5th

Math/Logic Alternative

2019 chair of Math Department approved CSCI 115. Renee McAuley let Suanne Ansari know this is currently working its way through curriculog. Karen Smail confirmed it is on her desk currently/

- Syllabus does not have correct SLOs and assessment, so needs to be revised.
- Hopefully this will come to Gen Ed in October

We might form a subcommittee to work on Math Alternative.

It was a hard sell to buy into this alternative, convince Math Department to accept. Math Department did not want to offer lower-level course as alternative. Concern that alternative courses will not be rigorous. Deborah Mihal argues that some students have a hard time with numbers specifically, but other forms of logic/analysis courses would be

Other Topics

-Karen received a proposal for a cross listed course for Jewish studies and history. Question about whether it would get the humanities credit. Concerned it is a slippery slope as some would get gen ed and some would not.

-Next meeting we will likely go over REI proposals pending outcome of Senate vote at the upcoming meeting. We will review the courses for the October 15th GenEd meeting. We can look over these independently. Anything that there is a concern about can be discussed at the Oct. 26 meeting.

- We will not meet on Oct. 15 for the scheduled GenEd meeting at 2PM, however we will hold any discussion regarding the next slate of curriculog course proposals on our new OAKS page Gia offered to set up,

-We will plan to meet for an hour and a half on Zoom at the Oct. 26 meeting, from 10AM to 11:30AM.

-Karen suggested doing a type of group chat before the meeting to answer any questions we may have.

-Gia mentioned using OAKS to post discussions and then continue to use it for the years going forward to create more continuity. She will create this and make sure that we all have access.

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