

General Education Council
Minutes of
February 23, 2024

The General Education Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, February 23, 2024 at 3:00 pm via Zoom. Dr. Ted Zerucha, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 when a quorum was reached.

Voting members present: Chris Bartel, Joby Bell, Carolyn Edy, Laura England, Tracy Goodson Espy, Brandy Hadley, Steve Hageman, Brent James, Marc Kissel, Rick Klima, Melissa Lesbines, Brad Nash, Jayjit Roy, Saskia van de Gevel, Susan Weidmann, Kate Wurtzel, Ted Zerucha (chair).

Non-voting members present: Christine Anderson Jane Green, Tina Hogan, Kristin Hyle, Angela Mead,

Guests:

Introductions - Jane Green,

The following actions were taken:

VOTE 1 (Ted):

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Yes = 14 No = 0 Abstain = 1 Motion carried – minutes approved as written.

VOTE 2(Jayjit Roy)

Renew Quantitative Literacy Classes CS 2435 / MAT 1005 / MAT 1010 / MAT 1020 / MAT 1035 / MAT 1110 / STT 1805 / STT 1810 / STT 2810 / STT 2820 / STT 3820 / WRC 1010
(Recommendation from Quantitative Literacy FCC)

Yes =14 No = 0 Abstain = 1 Proposal approved and accepted.

VOTE 3:(Steve Hageman)

Renew Science Inquiry Perspective Classes ANT 1430 / AST 1001 / AST 1002 / BIO 1103 / BIO 1201 / BIO 1202 / BIO 1203 / BIO 1204 / BIO 1205 / GES 1101 / GES 1102 / GES 1103 / GES 1104 / GES 1105 / GHY 1011 / GHY 1012 / PHY 1101 / PHY 1102 / PHY 1812 / PHY 1814
(Recommendation from Science Inquiry Perspective FCC)

Yes = 16 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

Suggestion from Steve- Maybe other Gen Ed components have had better luck, but he suggests we give better guidelines to faculty on how to add Gen Ed goals and SLOs to syllabi. He is willing to head up a subcommittee.

VOTE 13:(Joby Bell)

Renew Historical Studies Designation Class RM 2140
(Recommendation from Historical Studies Designation FCC)

Yes = 16 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

Feedback- seemed a little light on primary sources

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

-Course renewals for 2023-2024 academic year – all renewals have now been submitted, including all past due from previous years. Google Drive folders have been shared with FCCs having renewals to review. Those folders include a review form template as well as a spreadsheet with a list of classes to be reviewed. The spreadsheet has a place for notes for each class and Ted asks that the FCCs add their comments to that spreadsheet to facilitate discussion by Gen Ed Council if needed as well as for communicating with departments. If FCC's need clarification in regards to a renewal, they are asked to reach out to contact person in department directly (as indicated in spreadsheets) and cc Ted. Let's please try to have these finished up for March or April meeting

-Faculty Senate call for nominations - Ted has nominated FCC members whose terms end at the end of this semester and have expressed willingness to serve another term. Ted is also talking to Faculty Senate about aligning Bylaws so that mechanism of filling FCC vacancies moving forward will be consistent

-Foundations of American Democracy.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Submitted by,
Jane Green, Scribe