

General Education Council  
Minutes of  
February 21, 2025

The General Education Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, February 21, 2025 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 (22 total / 12 = quorum): Chris Bartel, Ed Behrend-Martinez, Rob Brown, Beth Carroll, Laura England, Tracy Goodson-Espy, Steve Hageman, Davis Hankins, Marc Kissel, Rick Klima, Laura Langberg, Melissa Lesbines, Cuong Mai, Brad Nash, Jayjit Roy, Hope Spurlock, Saskia van de Gevel, Susan Weidmann, Kate Wurtzel, Ted Zerucha (chair).

Non-voting members present: Christine Anderson (UCAA), Eric Berry (REG), Tina Hogan (IRAP), Kristin Hyle

Guests: Andrew Bellemer (BIO), Mat Foust (P&R), Jenni Geib (BIO), Jane Green, Cathy Marcum (GJS), Carla Penders (CASSH), Mark Zrull (PSY), Sarah Zurhellen (WAC)

The following actions were taken:

**VOTE 1 (Ted):**

Minutes from January 24, 2025 meeting

Yes = 20 No = 0 Abstain = 1 Motion carried – minutes approved as written.

Motion from Saskia van de Gevel, 2nd Brad Nash

**VOTE 2 (Brad Nash):**

Approve Intercultural Literacy Proposals - ANT 2240 / AS 2025 /  
ARB/CHN/FRE/GER/JPN/LAT/POR/RSN/SNH 1040 / COM 2124 / ENG 2030 / ENG 2040 / ENG 2120 / ENG  
2130 / ENG 3260 / ENG-JHP 3712 / FRE/GER/SNH 1060 / GLS 2000 / HIS 1101 / HIS 1102 / HIS 1130 / HIS  
2301 / HIS 2320 / HIS 2525 / HIS 3350 / HIS 3728 / HIS/REL 3110 / JHP/REL 2110 / JPN 3050 / LLC 2025 /  
LLC 2040 / LLC 2045 / LLC 2050 / LLC 2120 / LLC 2135 / LLC 3060 / LLC 3160 / LLC 3550 / PHL 3010 / PSY  
2100 / PSY 2213 / REL 1110 / REL 1120 / REL 2030 / REL 2130 / REL 2140 / REL 2150 / REL 2210 / REL  
2220 / REL 3010 / REL 3165 / REL 3735 / SNH 1015 / SNH 2006 /

(Recommendation from ICL FCC)

Yes = 22 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

HIS/LLC are encouraged to provide a more detailed explanation of how they relate to ICL in their syllabi. Specifically, a clearer discussion of how each course aligns with ICL's goals and objectives would help. As it stands now, most simply reiterate Gen Ed's ICL four criteria in their syllabi rather than provide narrative context.

**VOTE 3 (Laura England):**

Approve Sustainability and Climate Literacy Proposals - COM 2103 / COM 3117 / ENG 2080 / ENG 2220 / ENG 2430 / ENG 3220 / ENG 3280 / ENG/S D 3715 / LLC 3180 / PHL 2015 / REL 2310 / SD 2450 / SD 2850 / WRC 2100

(Recommendation from SCL FCC)

Yes = 22 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

**VOTE 4 (Cuong Mai):**

Approve Humanity And Its Systems Proposals - ART/IDS 3230 / COM 1300 / COM 2325 / ENG 2330 / ENG 3130 / FER 2200 / PHL 2013 / PHL 2040 / PHL 3310 / PHL 3400 / REL 3115

(Recommendation from HUM FCC)

Yes = 22 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

COM 2325 - request Dept add Gen Ed goals to syllabus

ENG 2330 - request Dept add Gen Ed goals to syllabus

**VOTE 5 (Cuong Mai):**

Approve Gen Ed 2 Liberal Studies Experience Proposals - HON 2516 / HON 2517 / HON 3516 / HON 3517 / ART-IDS 3230 AUTOMATIC w/3.0 proposal / PHL 2040 AUTOMATIC w/3.0 proposal / PHL 3310 AUTOMATIC w/3.0 proposal / REL 2310 AUTOMATIC w/3.0 proposal / REL 3010 AUTOMATIC w/3.0 proposal / REL 3165 AUTOMATIC w/3.0 proposal

(Recommendation from HUM/LSE FCC)

Yes = 22 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

**VOTE 6 (Kate Wurtzel):**

Approve Fine Arts Designation Proposals -

(Recommendation from FA FCC)- ART/IDS 3230 / AS 2025 / LLC 2120 / PHL 2013 / REL 3115

Yes = 22 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

**VOTE 7 (Ed Behrend-Martinez):**

Approve Historical Studies Designation Proposals -

(Recommendation from HS FCC)- ANT 2240 / PHL 3400 / REL 3165 / THR 3730

Yes = 22 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

**VOTE 8 (Davis Hankins):**

Approve Literary Studies Designation Proposals -

(Recommendation from LS FCC)- ENG 3130 / LLC 3060 / LLC 3160 / LLC 3550

Yes = 22 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

**VOTE 9 (Rob Brown):**

Approve Social Science Designation Proposals - COM 2325 / GHY 3005 / JPN 3050 / LLC 2050

(Recommendation from SS FCC)

Yes = 22 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

**VOTE 10 (Beth Carroll):**

Approve Writing in the Discipline Proposals - ANT 3700 / ANT 3800 / ENG 3090 / ENG 3150 / ENG 3651 / ENG 3652 / G S 4405 / G S 4406 / PHL 2700

(Recommendation from WAC)

Yes = 22 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

**VOTE 11 (Beth Carroll):**

Approve Senior Capstone Proposals - ANT 4550 / ENG 4520 / GES 4209 / SOC 4510

(Recommendation from WAC)

Yes = 22 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

**VOTE 12 (Beth Carroll):**

Renew Writing in the Discipline - ADM 4400 / ARH 3750 / CJ 3001 / IND 3100 / IND 3701 / INT 3320 / PHY 3310

(Recommendation from WAC)

Yes = 22 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

**VOTE 13 (Beth Carroll):**

Renew Senior Capstone - ADM 4900 / FER 4300 / NUR 4130

(Recommendation from WAC)

Yes = 22 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Delete Writing in the Discipline

- G S 4403, Teaching Science in Middle and High Schools (pending WID approval for G S 4405 and 4406)
- PHL 3300, A Critique of Worldmaking (pending WID approval for PHL 2700)
- PHL 3400, History of Continental Philosophy (pending WID approval for PHL 2700)

Delete Senior Capstone

- GES 4105, Analysis and Implications of Environmental Issues (pending CAP approval for GES 4209)

FIO

- P E 1737, Skateboarding (Wellness Literacy), change course number to P E 1723
- THR 3730, Early Theatre History and Literature, delete Fine Arts designation (replacing it with Historical Studies designation)

Gen Ed revision - SCL / ICL seats

- Sustainability & Climate Literacy (SCL)
  - 53 Courses
  - (29 New)
  - 5 FA/3 HS/1 LS/19 SS
  - ~6000 seats

-Intercultural Literacy (ICL)

- 117 Courses
- (37 New)
- 15 FA/19 HS/21 LS/28 SS
- ~12,300 seats

-Humanity & Its Systems (HUM)

- 165 Courses
- (14 New)
- 25 FA/20 HS/16 LS/43 SS

Ted will be reaching out to FCC members whose terms end this semester to see if interested in another term - those names will be passed along to Faculty Senate Committee on Committees

Foundations of American Democracy - trying to indicate Gen Ed classes (6) that also meet this on the checksheet

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.

Submitted by,  
Jane Green, Scribe