

General Education Council  
Minutes of  
January 23, 2026

The General Education Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, January 23, 2026 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 (21 total / 11 = quorum): ~~Ed Behrend-Martinez (HS FCC)~~, Rob Brown (SS FCC), Beth Carroll (WAC), Laura England (SCL FCC), ~~Matthew Felipe (SGA)~~, ~~Rob Freeland (CAS)~~, Tracy Goodson-Espy (RCOE), Brandy Hadley (WCOB), Baset Hamza (QL FCC), Davis Hankins (LS FCC), Fort Hiheglo (SGA), Rick Klima (FYS), Laura Langberg (LIB), Melissa Lesbines (MUS), Cuong Mai (HUM FCC), Brad Nash (ICL FCC), Ila Prouty (FA FCC), Heather Schier (WL FCC), Carra Schriber (SCI FCC), ~~Susan Weidmann (BCHS)~~, Ted Zerucha (chair).

Non-voting members present: Christine Anderson (UC Advising), ~~Jim Westerman (Faculty Senate)~~, Eric Berry (~~Registrar~~), ~~Tina Hogan (IRAPO)~~, Kristin Hyle

Guests: Jane Green, Angela Mead, Carla Penders, Sarah Zurhellen, Shernita Lee, Katharine Johnson

The following actions were taken:

**VOTE 1 (Ted):**

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Yes = 14 No = 0 Abstain = 2 Motion carried – minutes approved as written.

Motion from Brad Nash, 2nd Davis Hankins

**VOTE 2 (Brad Nash):**

Approve Intercultural Literacy Proposals - ARH 2000, JPN 1060, LIS 2060, LLC 2060, LLC 3026, THR 3731 (Recommendation from ICL FCC)

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

**VOTE 3 (Laura England):**

Approve Sustainability and Climate Literacy Proposals - ART/IDS 3230, C I 3552, C I 3553, C I 3554, C I 3555, C I 3556, C I 3557, GWS 3400, HIS 1180, LIS 2070, LLC 2040, LLC 2055, LLC 3420, SD 3675 (Recommendation from SCL FCC)

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

**VOTE 4 (Cuong Mai):**

Approve Humanity And Its Systems Proposals - COM 3305, ENG 2160, ENG 2230, ENG 2240, GWS 2421, LDS 2700, PHL 1504, PHL 3555

(Recommendation from HUM FCC)

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

**VOTE 5 (Cuong Mai):**

Approve Gen Ed 2 Liberal Studies Experience Proposals -

(Recommendation from HUM/LSE FCC) - ENG 2160, PHL 1504, PHL 3555, RM 2120 (approved for HUM last meeting)

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

**VOTE 6 (Rob Brown):**

Approve Social Science Designation Proposals - C I 3552, C I 3554, C I 3555, C I 3556, LDS 2700, PHL 1504, PHL 3555

(Recommendation from SS FCC)

Yes = 14 No = 0 Abstain = 2 Proposal approved and accepted.

**VOTE 7 (Ted Zerucha on behalf of FCC):**

Approve Historical Studies Designation Proposals - HIS 1180, SD 3460, THR 3731

(Recommendation from HS FCC)-

Yes = 17 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

**VOTE 8 (Davis Hankins):**

Approve Literary Studies Designation Proposals - ENG 2230, ENG 2240, LIS 2060, LLC 2055, LLC 3420, WRC 2100

(Recommendation from LS FCC)-

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

**VOTE 9 (Ila Prouty):**

Motion to approve Fine Arts Designation Proposals - ARH 2000, ENG 2160 by electronic vote in next week

Motion from Rick Klima, 2nd Melissa Lesbines

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

**VOTE 10 (Heather Schier):**

Approve Wellness Literacy Proposal - LIS 2050

(Recommendation from Wellness Literacy FCC)

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

**VOTE 11 (Carra Schriber):**

Approve Science Inquiry Proposals - Creation of new Science Inquiry Theme-Science of Sound / add PHY 1812 and 1814 to theme / remove PHY 1814 from Exploring Science Theme, add PHY 1123 and 1113 to Exploring Science

(Recommendation from Science Inquiry FCC)

Yes = 15 No = 0 Abstain = 1 Proposal approved and accepted.

**VOTE 12 (Beth Carroll):**

Approve Writing in the Discipline Proposals - ANT 3750, ARH 3660, CHN 3025, GER 3055, JPN 3025, P S 4710, P S 4742, SNH 3022, SNH 3035, SNH 3060, SPE 4420, SPE 4705

(Recommendation from WAC)

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

**VOTE 13 (Beth Carroll):**

Approve Senior Capstone Proposals - C J 4998, C J 4999, CHN 4565, GER 4565, GWS 4201, JPN 4565, SHN 4002, SHN 4015, SNH 4060, SNH 4555, UCO 4502

(Recommendation from WAC)

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

**VOTE 14 (Rick Klima):**

Approve First year Seminar Proposal - US 1200

(Recommendation from FYS FCC)

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FIO

- Delete WID credit
  - ANT 3220, Human Biological Variation
  - ANT 3630, Epistemology and Praxis
- Delete CAP credit
  - GWS 4601, Capstone in Queer Theory
- C I 3000, Learner Diversity: Teaching English Language Learners (WID), change title to Teaching Multilingual Learners
- ART 4852, Senior Seminar (CAP), change title to Senior Exhibition
- IND 3701, Product Design Studio I (WID), change course number to IND 3702 and reduce hours from 4 to 3
- JHP 3170, Religion and Violence, new cross-list of REL 3170 (HUM)
- REL 2301, Introduction to Holocaust and Judaic Studies, new cross-list of HIS/JHP 2300 (HUM)
- STT 1810, Basic Statistics (QL), change title to Statistical Investigative Process

Ted will be reaching out to FCCs and GEC members whose terms expire at end of this academic year to see if interested in another term

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Submitted by,  
Jane Green, Scribe