

General Education Council
Minutes of
January 26, 2024

The General Education Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, January 26, 2023 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: Yalcin Acikgoz, Joby Bell, Beth Carroll, Carolyn Edy, Laura England, Tracy Goodson Espy, Chris Bartel, Brandy Hadley, Steve Hageman, Brent James, Marc Kissel, Rick Klima, Laura Langberg, Melissa Lesbines, Lucas Morris, Brad Nash, Saskia van de Gevel, Jayjit Roy, Susan Weidmann, Kate Wurtzel, Ted Zerucha (chair).

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

Guests: Mat Foust (P&R)

Yalcin Acikgoz was introduced as chair for SS FCC

The following actions were taken:

VOTE 1:

Minutes from December 1, 2023 meeting

Yes = 18 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Motion carried – minutes approved as written.
Motion from Melissa Lesbines, 2nd Brad Nash

VOTE 2:

New Wellness Literacy class for Fall 2024 – MUS 2054 Exploring the Alexander Technique Proposal:
(Recommendation from Wellness Literacy FCC)

Yes = 18 No = 0 Abstain = 1 Proposal approved and accepted.

VOTE 3:

New Liberal Studies Experience classes for Fall 2024 (Gen Ed 2.0) – LLC 2060, Introduction to Latinx Studies / REL 2300, Religion and the Good Life / REL 3160, Life and Teachings of Jesus Proposals:
(Recommendation from Liberal Studies Experience FCC)

Yes = 19 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

VOTE 4:

New Historical Studies Designation classes for Fall 2024 (Gen Ed 2.0) – REL 2140, Hinduism / REL 3160, Life and Teachings of Jesus Proposals:
(Recommendation from Historical Studies Designation FCC)

Yes = 19 No = 0 Abstain = 1 Proposal approved and accepted.

VOTE 5:

New Literary Studies Designation classes for Fall 2024 (Gen Ed 2.0) – LLC 2060, Introduction to Latinx Studies / WRC 1104, Investigations: Global Proposals:
(Recommendation from Literary Studies Designation FCC)

Yes =20 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

VOTE 6:

New Writing in the Discipline classes for Fall 2024 – FER 3190, Food Safety and Quality Assurance / MUS 3070, Developmental Music Therapy / MUS 3633, Contemporary Jazz / P S 3555, Leaders and International Conflict / P S 3600, Democracy in the Public Sphere / SNH 3570, Creative Writing in Spanish Proposals:
(Recommendation from Writing Across the Curriculum)

Yes = 20 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

VOTE 7:

New Capstone classes for Fall 2024 (Gen Ed 2.0) – ANT 4481, Capstone: Community Archaeology / GES 4510, Senior Honors Thesis Proposals:
(Recommendation from Writing Across the Curriculum)

There was discussion brought from WAC regarding the impact of AI on WAC. General Education will seek guidance from Academic Affairs in regards to official policies on AI and report back to General Education Council. As official policies are developed discussion can take place about how to align General Education with them, such as suggesting language for syllabi. This discussion should be aware of disciplinary differences as well.

Yes = 20 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

VOTE 8:

New Intercultural Literacy classes for Fall 2025 (Gen Ed 3.0) – REL 2300, Religion and the Good Life / SD 2800, Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development / SOC 2050, Social Diversity and Inequalities / SOC 2850, Constructions of Gender / SOC 3710, Sociology of Appalachian Communities / SOC 4850, Global Sociology Proposals:
(Recommendation from Intercultural Literacy FCC)

Yes = 20 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

VOTE 9:

New Sustainability and Climate Literacy classes for Fall 2025 (Gen Ed 3.0) – AS/GES 2301, Energy Extraction in Appalachia / IDS 3010, H2O: We are Water / S D 2400, Principles of Sustainable Development / SOC 3150, Environmental Sociology Proposals:
(Recommendation from Sustainability and Climate Literacy FCC)

Yes = 20 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

VOTE 10:

New Humanity and Its Systems classes for Fall 2025 (Gen Ed 3.0) – IDS 2000, The Idea of America / REL 2140, Hinduism / REL 3160, Life and Teachings of Jesus Proposals:
(Recommendation from Humanity and Its Systems FCC)

Yes = 20 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

VOTE 11:

New Historical Studies Designation class for Fall 2025 (Gen Ed 3.0) – IDS 2000, The Idea of America Proposal:
(Recommendation from Historical Studies Designation FCC)

Yes = 20 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

VOTE 12:

New Social Science Designation classes for Fall 2025 (Gen Ed 3.0) – IDS 3010, H2O: We are Water / SOC 3150, Environmental Sociology / SOC 4850, Global Sociology Proposals:
(Recommendation from Social Science Designation FCC)

Yes = 20 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

VOTE 13:

Renew HPE 1000 / HPE 4320 / PE 1530-1549 / NUT 2202 / PE 1718 / PE 1700-1877 / PH 1105
(Recommendation from Wellness Literacy FCC)

Yes = 20 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Proposal approved and accepted.

FIO Items (effective Fall 2024)

- AST 1001, Introductory Astronomy I- the Solar System (4 sh) (SCI Voyages Through the Cosmos), change course number and credit hours to AST 1021 (3 sh) (to be paired with existing lab AST 1011)
- AST 1002, Introductory Astronomy II- Stars and Galaxies (4 sh) (SCI Voyages Through the Cosmos), change course number and credit hours to AST 1022 (3 sh) (to be paired with existing lab AST 1012)
- LLC 2045, The Spanish-Speaking World (ILE How We Know What We Know About the Past and Literary Studies designation), change title to Latin American Cultural Studies
- PLN 3432, Planning Techniques (Writing in the Discipline), change title to Planning Tools and Techniques
- PHY 1101, How Things Work I (4 sh) (SCI How Things Work and SCI Physics of Self Expression), change course number and credit hours to PHY 1121 (3 sh) (to be paired with existing lab PHY 1111)
- PHY 1102, How Things Work II (4 sh) (SCI How Things Work), change course number and credit hours to PHY 1122 (3 sh) (to be paired with existing lab PHY 1112)

- PHY 1103, General Physics I (4 sh) (SCI Physics of Our Technological World), change course number and credit hours to PHY 1123 (3 sh) (to be paired with existing lab PHY 1113)
- PHY 1104, General Physics II (4 sh) (SCI Physics of Our Technological World), change course number and credit hours to PHY 1124 (3 sh) (to be paired with existing lab PHY 1114)
- PHY 1150, Analytical Physics I (5 sh) (SCI Physics with Calculus), change course number and credit hours to PHY 1170 (4 sh) (to be paired with existing lab PHY 1160)
- PHY 1151, Analytical Physics II (5 sh) (SCI Physics with Calculus), change course number and credit hours to PHY 1180 (4 sh) (to be paired with existing lab PHY 1161)
- PLN 3040, What is Community?, delete ILE Social Relations Across Contexts and Social Science designation credit (course being deleted from catalog)

Discussion Items:

-Course renewals for 2023-2024 academic year – all renewals except for 3 (2 Science Inquiry, 1 LSE) have now been submitted, including all past due from previous years. Ted is working with departments to get those submitted and will keep those FCC's informed. 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.

-Assessment activities for the 2023-2024 academic year – committees have completed work on updating rubrics for Goal 1 (Thinking critically and creatively) and Goal 2 (Communicating effectively). Will be working on rubrics for Goal 3 (Making local to global connections) and Goal 4 (Understanding responsibilities of community membership) during spring semester.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Submitted by,
Kristin Hyle, Scribe