

**Minutes
Of the
General Education Council
April 30, 2021**

The General Education Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on April 30, 2021 at 3:00 pm via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm when a quorum was reached.

Voting Members Present: Sarah Arrington, Ed Behrend-Martinez, Herb Brown, Beth Carroll, Jeanne Dubino, Carolyn Edy, Jamie Griffin, Rick Klima, Vicky Klima, Melissa Lesbines, Susan Lutz, Carla Penders, Abhi Ramalingan, Ted Zerucha (chair).

Non-Voting Members Present: Kristin Hyle, Sheryl Mohn (scribe), Lynne Waugh, Sarah Zurhellen

Voting Members Absent: Rob Brown, Brent James, Matthew Mair, Maria McDowell

ACTION ITEMS:

VOTE 1: GEC Minutes from March 26, 2021 – *Approved as written.*
Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 1

COURSE RENEWALS – *effective Fall 2022*

VOTE 2:

Science Inquiry

The Physics of Our Technological World theme

-PHY 1103, General Physics I

-PHY 1104, General Physics II

Physics with Calculus theme

-PHY 1150, Analytical Physics I

-PHY 1151, Analytical Physics II

Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 0

VOTE 3:

First Year Seminar

-HON 1515, Freshman Honors Seminar

-UCO 1200, First Year Seminar

Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 0

VOTE 4:

Historical Studies Designation

-PHL 3000, Ancient Philosophy

-PHL 3200, Modern Philosophy

Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 0

VOTE 5:

Literary Studies Designation

- ENG 2030, World Literature to 1650
- ENG 2050, Studies in British Literature
- ENG 2060, Great Books
- ENG 2350, Studies in American Literature

Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 0

VOTE 6:

Liberal Studies Experience

- ENG 1500, Introduction to Literature
- FRE 1050, Intermediate French II
- FRE 1060, Accelerated Intermediate French
- GER 1050, Intermediate German II
- GER 1060, Accelerated Intermediate German
- HIS/WRC 3210, Poverty: Theory and Practice
- PHL 1000, Introduction to Philosophy
- PHL 1100, Logic I
- PHL 1501, Mind, Knowledge, and Reality
- PHL 1503, Selves, Bodies, and Cultural Diversity
- PHL 2000, Philosophy, Society, and Ethics
- PHL 3013, Philosophical Aesthetics
- PHL 3015, Medical Ethics
- PHL 3020, Metaphysics
- PHL 3550, Philosophy of Mind
- PHL 3600, Philosophy of Science
- SNH 1050, Intermediate Spanish II
- SNH 1060, Accelerated Intermediate Spanish

Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0

VOTE 7:

Quantitative Literacy

- ECO 2100, Business and Economic Statistics I
- ECO 2200, Business and Economic Statistics II

Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0

VOTE 8:

Wellness Literacy

- MSL 1101, Army Physical Fitness

Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0

VOTE 9:

Writing in the Discipline

- SNH 3080, Advanced Grammar and Composition
- SOC 3885, Research Methods I
- SOC 3960, Sociological Theory II
- TEC 3638, Foundations of Sustainable Technology

Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0

VOTE 10:

Senior Capstone

- IND 4110, Furniture IV
- IND 4712, Product Design Studio IV
- PHY 4210, Methods of Experimental Physics
- SNH 4565, Advanced Spanish Expression
- SOC 4450, Senior Seminar

Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0

VOTE 11:

The WAC Committee reported that the BIO forms reflected a lack of understanding of what Capstone courses should be doing to meet goals and outcomes. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the vote on the BIO courses until Fall (first meeting of the semester) and meet with the department to work with them to get revise courses to meet the standard.

Senior Capstone

- BIO 4501, Independent Research
- BIO 4519, Biology Honors Thesis
- BIO 4575, Ecotoxicology
- BIO 4700 Seminar in Biological Science
- BIO 4910, Capstone Internship in Biology

Vote to table vote on renewal:

Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0

VOTE 12:

Following discussion led by GEARS chair, Vicky Klima, of the possible edits to the rubric, the motion was made and seconded to approve the current rubric to be used to assess Gen Ed Goal 2 with recognition that this will be open to revision/edits in Fall 2021.

- Rubric for assessment of Gen Ed Goal 2: Communicating effectively

Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0 *Motion carried.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

-Assessment update: Ted Zerucha updated Council members on the progress. IRAP is currently very busy gathering artifacts – reviewers will complete this round this summer.

-Listening sessions update: Ted Zerucha reported to Council members that the listening sessions have all been completed. The Task Force is putting together a report on all the sessions

to be submitted to Heather Norris. Based on report, it is anticipated this will lead to revisions to the General Education curriculum in the near future.

-Course renewals update/thoughts for next year: Ted Zerucha reflected that delaying submission deadlines to Spring did not work well. A Fall semester deadline gives more time for committees to work with departments. For the next cohort due, the deadline will be before Thanksgiving, which gives departments time during the semester and spreads out the workload for the FCCs. GEC could vote as courses are ready, rather than all of them having to be voted on at the last meeting of the academic year. Some feedback from departments – some inquired if form could be Google form to scroll through rather than having to open individual documents. This will be given consideration. Other feedback – information on Gen Ed website is outdated and no longer matches info on WAC website (specifically Vertical Writing Model). Ted and Beth Carroll will get together and work on this and bring to GEC in the fall.

Ted thanked all members for their service this year – a lot of hard work has been done. He also thanked those who are willing to continue their GEC service for another term.

Best wishes for a good summer – next meeting will be held in September 2021.

There be no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.

Submitted by,
Sheryl M. Mohn, Scribe