

**Minutes
Of the
General Education Council
September 24, 2021**

The General Education Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on September 24, 2021 at 3:00 pm via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm when a quorum was reached. Dr. Ted Zerucha welcomed all members and new members were introduced.

Voting Members Present: Laura Ammon, Laurie Atkins, Herb Brown, Mark Coltrain, Carolyn Edy, Steve Hageman, Brent James, Rick Klima, Vicky Klima, Melissa Lesbines, Abhi Ramalingan, Saskia van de Gevel, Joshua White, Ted Zerucha (chair), Sarah Zurhellen.

Non-Voting Members Present: Christine Anderson, Eric Berry, Kristin Hyle, Sheryl Mohn (scribe), Carla Penders, Lynne Waugh

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

ACTION ITEMS:

VOTE 1: GEC Minutes from April 30, 2021 – *Approved as written.*

Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 2

VOTE 2: Acceptance of the Spring 2021 General Education Assessment Summit report and numeric criteria (report posted on GEC AsULearn site)

Yes: 14 No: 0 Abstain: 0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

-Listening sessions update: Ted Zerucha reported to Council members that the listening sessions have all been completed. The Task Force as submitted their final report Provost Norris (report is posted on GEC AsULearn site).

Task Force recommendations:

1. Form a committee at the beginning of AY 21/22 to work on revisions to the General Education curriculum.
Note: This committee has been formed and has begun their work.
2. Revision should include requirements for social justice, diversity, and inclusive excellence.
3. Revision should include consideration for a financial literacy component.
4. Revision should include less focus on a specific class with emphasis on more flexible and less complicated models, including a reduction in the number of hours of the overall program.
5. As revision is constructed, the committee should consider the importance of allocations of sufficient resources to ensure success.

Any changes will come to the GEC and AP&P for approval.

-Program Comprehensive Review (PCR) update: The Gen Ed program is currently undergoing our seven-year review. There is a folder on the AsULearn site that holds materials we have created and gathered for the review. Two external reviewers will be conducting a virtual site visit on Friday, October 1, 2021. Ted asked any members who would like to participate in the half-hour time slot reserved for the reviewers to talk with GEC members to let him know.

-Course renewals update: Ted Zerucha gave a brief overview/history of renewals for the benefits of the new members. The full cohort of course renewals for this semester are due by November 19th. Folders for each FCC will be created on a Google drive and will include a cheat sheet for help in reviewing. Some FCCs won't have any courses to review; the WAC Committee and the ILE FCC will have the most to review – so, some who don't have any reviews may be able to help those who have many – this can be discussed further at the next meeting.

There be no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56pm.

Submitted by,
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