

General Education Council
Minutes of
December 1, 2023

The General Education Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 3:00 pm via Zoom. Dr. Ted, Zerucha, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:01 when a quorum was reached.

Voting members present: Joby Bell, Beth Carroll, Laura England, Tracy Goodson Espy, Cameron Gokee, Brandy Hadley, Steve Hageman, Brent James, Marc Kissel, 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, Sarah Zurhellen

The following actions were taken:

VOTE 1:

Minutes from September 29, 2023 meeting

Yes = 18 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Motion carried – minutes approved as written.

Motion from Melissa Lesbines, 2nd Joby Bell

VOTE 2:

New Science Inquiry Theme – Climate Change: Global Patterns and Spatial Dynamics Proposal:
(Recommendation from Science Inquiry FCC)

Christine- UC Advising requests more seats in GHY 1011 and GHY 1012 as they are very popular with students and fill quickly.

Lucas- speaking on behalf of Student Government- SGA very in favor of climate theme and also the new Exploring Science theme.

Laura E.- from QEP perspective, find this very exciting, moving beyond problems to mitigation and adaptation.

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

VOTE 3:

UCO 2552, Climate Responses and Response-Ability course proposal for Gen Ed 3.0
(Recommendation from Sustainability and Climate Literacy FCC)

Christine- Departments would be able to offer the class with their own prefix (i.e. BIO 2552).

Cameron- Curious about recruitment of faculty for this. Do you have faculty lined up based on who has previously taught this or will there need to be a recruitment effort? Laura E.- put out a call through Council of Chairs this year. One advantage is that the faculty member doesn't have to be an expert on all the material since half is via recorded videos.

Steve- will there be FCCs for the new components for Gen Ed 3.0? Ted- yes, new governance already approved by AP&P.

Yes = 17 No = 0 Abstain = 1

VOTE 4:

UCO 2552, Climate Responses and Response-Ability course proposal for Gen Ed 2.0
(Recommendation from Liberal Studies Experience FCC)

Ted- departments proposing new courses for Gen Ed 3.0 have been encouraged to also propose for a Gen Ed 2.0 component. Carolyn Edy is LSE/HUM chair, traveling, no concerns from LSE/HUM FCC.

Yes = 17 No = 0 Abstain = 1

VOTE 5:

SSU 4480, Pilates Apparatus

(Recommendation from Wellness Literacy FCC)

Yes = 18 No = 0 Abstain = 0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

-Course renewals for 2023-2024 academic year – all renewals except for 10 (5 Science Inquiry, 1 LSE, 4 WAC) 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 as of today. 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 been working on updating rubrics for Goal 1 (Thinking critically and creatively) and Goal 2 (Communicating effectively) for this semester. Working on rubrics for Goal 3 (Making local to global connections) and Goal 4 (Understanding responsibilities of community membership) during spring semester.

-General Education Revision - Ted will keep the Council and FCCs updated as departments submit their courses.

-Although she is out today, this was to be Sheryl Mohn's last Gen Ed Council meeting as she will be retiring from App State at the end of the year, having spent 2 years in Academic Affairs and 14 years in General Education.

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

Submitted by,

Kristin Hyle, Scribe