

General Education Committee - GECA
Minutes
December 9, 2019

Present: Becky Pearson, Maura Valentino, Michael Braunstein, Teri Walker, Tim Hargrave, and Mike Gimlin.

Absent: None

Guest(s): Anne Cubile, Chris Dennison, Allyson Rogan-Klyve

Meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

Chair update – Becky reported on a meeting she had with Walter and Lizzie last Thursday regarding the future of GE committee and director. The Executive Committee (EC) recognizes some of the structural issues that are happening this year with the committee as well as the difficulties with the director position. They are advocating for an office of General Education. Becky indicated they are working on a pilot for assessment strategy. .

The committee had a brief discussion around assessment of the other three components that needs to be assessed this year.

Some of the items the committee will need to discuss are:

- Number of clock hours committee members are willing to put in
- Strategy for the rest of the year moving forward.
- Student survey conference
- Assessment
- Articulation of courses

The committee would like an outline of the primary functions the committee is going to have to fulfill before the end of the year and what the prioritizations are.

Student Petition -

12-9.19.1 INST 200 EWU K2 - Petition for this course to be considered K2 was denied. See petition 12-9-19.4 which was approved for K4.

12-9.19.2 CHEM&140 K7 - K7, P6 Michael moved that the common course CHEM&140 satisfies the GE program K7: Physical & Natural World, P6:Ways of Knowing as a rule. Maura seconded and petition was approved.

12-9.19.3 PHYS 111 CWU K7 - Michael moved to deny this petition. Teri seconded and motion approved.

12-9-19.4 INST 200 EWU K4 - K4, P3, P6 Cynthia moved to change the articulation of INST 200 to K4: Global Dynamics, P3: Perspectives on Current Issues and, P6: Ways of Knowing as a rule. Michael seconded and petition was approved.

12-9-19.5 MA 120 Park University QR - Teri moved to approve the petition, no rule. Michael seconded and petition was approved.

GE proposals

ADMG 424 – Okay to approve.

AST 184 - Okay to approve.

DHC 180 - Michael still not comfortable.

DHC 270 - Still have questions

EDEC 432 - Okay to approve.

ENG 111 - Okay to approve.

FCS 405 - Okay to approve.

HTE 419 - Okay to approve.

IT 487 - Okay to approve.

LIS 184 - Wait for hearing.

LLAS 184 - Ask for syllabus from one of the sub-topics

NUTR 445 - Okay to approve.

PUBH 488 - Okay to approve.

TH 382 - Still have question, maybe deny.

TH 377 - Okay to approve.

Teri moved to approve the courses ready to approve. Maura seconded and motion was approved.

Finalize GE proposals – There will need to be an email vote for the remaining courses to be approved.

Structural proposals - Becky will send out an email to faculty to get any feedback on the structural proposal, with a deadline of Friday.

DHC conversation –The committee spoke with Anne, Chris and Allyson.

DHC 180 – The committee is still having a tough time with student outcome #1 and how it aligns with the GE outcome for K8 #3. Michael explained K8 outcome #3 is met by the course. First learner outcome from the course does not seem to meet K8 #3. Formulate is not the same as articulate. Michael asked them to provide an example of activity that shows

DHC 270 - Committee has concerns about the DHC 270 meeting the 184 course. Anne feels the course does articulate to the 184 outcomes.

K2: Community, Culture, & Citizenship DHC 260. This was an error and it should have been K2.

K7: Physical & Natural World – Chris and Allison indicated they will discuss and let the committee know which one should be K7 and which K8. DHC 180 or 280.

LIS 184 Hearing

Tina Barrigan – Tina indicated she had conversations with the Library and there was not a clear resolution. LIS 184 indicates there is group work through improv comedy which is a theatre discipline. The research is on a improv comedy subject. None of the course objectives have anything to do with improve comedy, but the activities do. There are games, exercises and a performance. Another concern is that topics are approved in perpetuity and if someone else would be teaching other than Maura, who has some experience with improve, could be a problem. Theatre thought was an exciting topic, but should be under a TH prefix.

Maura Valentino – Maura indicated that this is not an improv course. It is a course based on improv exercises. The course will be taught differently than what an improv comedy course would be taught. This is not a really great course for theatre students. The students who benefit the most who are shy, and uncomfortable. Maura indicated she is highly qualified to teach this course. She has taught similar course before and received a grant to study this area. This is a good course for first year students. Using improv gives the students confidence and is a great de-stressor.

Questions: Improv techniques are embedded in TH 144, 145, 244, 245, and 246. TH 107 is acting in general. There are three history classes that go through the history of theatre.

Discussion: The committee agreed to deny the hold. Citing this is not a duplicative course with Theatre.

184 Cap proposal from GECM – The committee would like to produce data on who is going over the cap and take to Faculty Senate for a sanction.

DHC conversation. The committee talked about concerns regarding the DHC program. They do not have a K1 Academic Writing II course. We may need to do an MOU regarding how DHC students meet the General Education program. Teri moved to deny DHC 270 as a 184 course. Michael seconded and motion was approved. The committee would like to suggest they use DHC 270 for the AWII course.

Culminating Experience (CE) reverse transfer complexity and potential policy/position statement - Students who leave the institution without completing the CE course but finished all of the GE courses will not have met the GE program. Some suggestions would be to have students transfer a course back to CWU that meets the CE requirement, offer CWU online CE courses, or transfer a CE course if they have one.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.