

General Education Committee
January 9, 2023
Minutes

Present: A.I. Ross, Teri Walker, Michael Braunstein, Maura Valentino, Tim Hargrave, John Choi, Elaine Glenn, Peter Gray, John Neurohr, Mike Gimlin, Yoshiko Takahashi, Michael Goerger, Scott Carlton

Absent: Jessica Olguin

Guest(s): None

Meeting called to order at 3:12 p.m.

Michael B moved to approve the December 5, 2022 minutes. Elaine seconded and motion carried.

Biology 213 was removed from the GE program by the department.

GEOL 101/GEOL 101 Michael B moved that the GEOL 101 with the integral lab be approved as it still meets the outcomes and GEOL 103 be removed which no longer has lab component. Elaine seconded and motion passed.

GE Data – The committee went over the data. Dean Takahashi indicated they are still working on the DFW data.

How many online students do we have? How many students that are physically on campus are taking online courses? How many are taking General Education courses over the summer online? The committee discussed student preparedness for college courses and what could be some of the practices put in place to help this.

Currently General Education assessment is in Canvas. It is not intuitive and maybe need to have better instructions. Maybe have a training workshop for faculty to learn how to submit the information. Need to start a communication process with faculty on the expectations for assessment for winter quarter.

Michael Goerger indicated he is on the inclusivity and Diversity steering committee. They met today with the President and Provost to talk about next steps. DFW rates appears to be an equity issue based on the data. The steering committee is going to gather the data and start discussions on next steps. Where is there mechanism of power to confront this issue. One suggestion that General Education could be one of the mechanisms. If a department is not attempting to solve this issue they could be removed from General Education. Senate and General Education need to have some conversations about DFW rates and what we need to do to fix that.

No student petitions.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.