General Education Committee November 6, 2023 Minutes

Present: A.I. Ross, Michael Braunstein, Brita Williams, Elaine Glenn, Janie Zencak, John Neurohr, Mike Gimlin, Megan McConnell, Amber Darting

Absent: Teri Walker, CB faculty representative, LIB faculty representative, student representative, Yoshiko Takahashi, David Rolfe

Guest(s): None

Meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

Brita moved to approve the October 30, 2023 minutes as amended, Michael seconded and motion carried. Change PHYS 311 to PHIL 311.

Chair report – John has been in communication with various originators of proposals. He has had difficulty sending emails with his computer. Originators have been sending in revisions. The BUS prefix topic seems to be resolved at this time.

PHIL 311 – Philosophy of Education There is alignment with K2, P3, P6 but not with P1.

GE framework/pathway discussion – Amber indicated that students do get confused about the pathways. The pathways were designed to intentionally have the student see the connection between the classes. However, there wasn't a certificate to show they achieved it, or anywhere to have them show the connection. Students think they have to have to take 48 courses. The restriction of no more than two Knowledge Areas from a single department or interdisciplinary programs is the bigger problem that does cause some students to not graduate on time has, thus far, led to a few students having to take additional General Education classes to fulfill the requirement. There are a number of courses that haven't been offered since 2019. Amber indicated she has a list of those courses. Amber offered to allow committee members to sit in on one of her GE presentations to hear the feedback from students. Megan suggested getting rid of pathways and no more than two courses per prefix. John would like to have Dean Takahashi's opinion and information on this subject as well.

Next week work on procedure manual and any course reviews.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.