

**General Education Committee
Minutes
January 9, 2016**

Present: Becky Pearson, Gregg Schlanger, John Bowen, Brian McGladrey, Lindsey Brown and Jason White

Absent: Matthieu Chapman, Amy Claridge

Guest(s): None

Meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m.

Gregg moved to approve the November 28, 2016 minutes as presented. John seconded and minutes were approved.

Gen Ed Redesign – The General Education Redesign Team (GERT) is gearing up for the faculty workshops on January 20th. They will talk about various options for a program framework. They have been researching options for Gen Ed frameworks over the past few weeks. Eric will be sending out details of the workshops later this week and hope that the Gen Ed members can be at one of them. They will be holding two sessions on January 20th from 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00 p.m. The location will be announced in Eric's email.

Student petitions

The first petition is an online student. They took two course within the same column in the Arts and Humanities breadth area. They took FVS 250 and ART 101. This student was part of 33 students that last year were given an exception on taking two classes from another Arts & Humanities column due to a lack of an online course in Philosophy & Cultures of the World. Last year the committee had been asked to make an exception for 33 students who had an immediately need in order to graduate. This student didn't graduate last year as well as half of the other students on that list. The student took FVS in spring 2016. Gregg moved to approve this petition. John seconded and the petition was approved.

The committee requested that the Registrar's office look at the 20 students who have not graduated, to see if they have already taken another course in this area. If they have already taken a course, the committee would like to honor this agreement. However, if the students haven't taken a course in that area, then they should be advised to take appropriate course since there are several options in that breadth are that are online. Gregg moved to look at remaining 20 that those that have completed the requirement through the option given last year and those will be accepted, and those that have not need to be advised to take the appropriate course within the area. John seconded and motion was passed.

Petition #2 – The student is petitioning to have a regular course, not in General Education, to count for writing. The student is an English major and feels they have met the spirit of the requirement. He is taking his practicum this winter and is working on his teacher portfolio. The student has no documentation that they were misadvised, but claims that they were told they didn't need to worry about this requirement because it could be petitioned. John moved to deny the petition, but to encourage the student to look at other options such as community college work and provide documentation and/or to register for a writing course online. Gregg seconded and the petition was denied with recommendations.

Lindsey provided a draft of a student petition policy. The committee made some suggested changes. Lindsey will revise and provide a revised draft for the next meeting.

Committee discussed the GERT process for courses.

The committee requested to set up meeting with Curriculum, Gen Ed and GERT chairs.

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.