

**General Education Committee
Minutes
February 26, 2018**

Present: Jeff Dippmann, Morgan Bliss, Becky Pearson, John Bowen, Thomas Tenerelli, Melissa, Becker, Jill Hoximere, Laurie Moshier, Holly Pinkart, Stephanie Hubbard, Lizzie Brown and Cody Stoddard.

Absent: Lori Gray and Jim Johnson

Guest(s): None

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Holly moved to approve the February 5, 2018 minutes, Jeff seconded, and minutes were approved.

Chairs update - Becky reported on the February 7 Faculty Senate meeting. The general education program was approved. Now the work begins to get us to the implementation in Fall 2019. Becky talked about what committee members terms are expiring. Becky reported that she will be meeting on Wednesday with faculty who have expressed concerns about the new general education program. She will be meeting from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Faculty Center. Planning for future changes.

Cody brought up two issues that came up at the last senate meeting. Do we need to have a pre-requisite in Science & Technology? Another issue that came up is if can a student can potentially graduate only taking courses from one college? Cody also talked with the committee about the Honors Task Force. The Executive Committee (EC) is wondering if the committee would like to have a representative on this task force. The committee decided not to have a GE liaison, but that DHC or the task force needs to know they can talk with the committee as they move forward.

Courses for new Gen Ed – YESS and Philosophy want new courses to count in current general education. Stephanie indicated the committee can do a blanket substitution for 18-19 for certain courses. YESS program is a three-course sequence approved for new general education program. The department has sent out invitations to perspective students to be part of the program assuming that the new program would starting in fall 2018. The first cohort will start in fall and would like to have these courses count in the current general education program. They hope to have 30-35 students in the cohort next year. Holly moved that for students taking the YESS sequence during the 2018-2019 academic year, those courses will fulfill the requirement for Social and Behavioral Sciences breath area and are subject to individual General Education petitions. Melissa seconded, motion was approved. This is being done so as to not set a precedent since these courses are a unique situation.

Draft policies - The rules that were passed by Faculty Senate need to be in policy. The committee discussed the concern about students getting through the program not taking a breadth of colleges. Does the committee want to propose a rule that make sure that it doesn't happen? The committee discussed that this program is outcome based and was opened up to all areas, not specific departments or colleges. Setting these types of rules might be too complicated. It was brought up to possibly make a rule of no more than two prefixes vs no more than two courses from a specific department. The committee felt that there should not be any

specific rules around students taking a certain number of courses from each specific college. Marji's question was raised, but the committee came to a consensus that the program outcomes based and not prefix based. There was intentional work by GERT to make the design to give breadth of their general education experience. Was suggested that students can only take no more than one from a prefix within the pathway. Was decided that this might create a bigger issue that a student could take more than two per department due to the number of prefixes within a department and penalize a department that only has one prefix.

The committee will work on policy and procedure at the next meeting. The committee will look at the syllabus requirements, curriculum policy, rules passed by Faculty Senate. Committee member should come prepared to talk about what didn't work in this process that needs to be changed and/or a wish list of what you would have liked to see happen through the process. Come up with a workplan on next Monday. There was a suggestion that there be a workshop again in the summer for those proposing general education proposals. Lizzie will send the link to the committee for other university policy that they can review.

Timeline for future Gen Ed proposal submissions – The committee talked about when general education proposals should be submitted for next year. It was suggested that the beginning of October. Maybe for future put out information that proposals are due annually the first Monday following the October senate meeting by noon. There was a suggestion that this go into the academic calendar. Melissa moved to make an annual deadline of the first Monday by noon following the first fall faculty senate meeting. John seconded, and motion was approved. This needs to go in the curriculum deadline memo.

Holly moved that courses in the science & technology have the same pre-req as Quantitative Reasoning courses. Motion dies for lack of a second. It was agreed the committee would talk about this again next week.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m..