

General Education Committee
March 8, 2021
Minutes

Present: Cynthia Pengilly, Teri Walker, Michael Braunstein, Tim Hargrave, Maura Valentino, Becky Pearson, Emily Arras, A.I. Ross, Josh Buchanan, Karisa Terry, Judy Beard, Bernadette Jungblut, Toni Woodman, Mike Gimlin, Kathryn Martell, Greg Lyman, Megan McConnell

Absent: Shaffer Claridge and Carey Gazis

Guest(s): None

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

Michael moved to approve the March 1, 2021 minutes. Maura seconded and motion was approved.

Student petitions – None

GEC Composition –Committee would like to wait until they receive more information from the Executive Committee (EC) about workload.

CE course substitutions – Cynthia indicated that there does need to be a paper trail about what course are being used for General Education and approved by GEC, especially for accreditation use. Teri indicated, the department is offering EFC 480 this year/term instead of EFC 460/470. A.I. suggested the committee could reach out to the chair or program director to find out how many students will or may be impacted this academic year and request additional information, such as, course outcomes and syllabi. It was suggested that the committee could potentially do an MOU as a temporary solution. This would create a paper trail. Becky will work with department to get outcomes and syllabus for the course to see if it meets the General Education Culminating Experience (CE) outcomes and potentially provide a one year blanket substitution.

Student petitions – Becky talked with the committee about the potential for creating a process for straightforward petitions. The two courses per department rule, since the list in the AR didn't list all the prefixes could be one. Are there others like this that could have a quicker process? Toni asked if there was something that advisors could put in the notes for some of these unique situation so it gets to the GEC for review. Some on the committee felt that the committee has not seen enough patterns yet to be able to put together a list of what should move forward automatically. It was indicated that the committee should see them so they can see some of the issues that might need to be fixed within the program. Mike indicated clear rules violation and looking for an exception of the rules are automatically denied. Mike Gimlin has been working with the list with Information Services (IS). The prefix list originally came from Scott Carlton in advising.

S/U Policy - Cynthia moved to approve CWUP 5-100-030 (3) General Education courses must be proposed as a letter grade course and not S/U. Michael seconded and motion was approved. Becky will work with Mike Gimlin to identify courses in the General Education program that are currently S/U and let them know about the policy and encourage them to update their course. Mike Gimlin brought up that 490 courses are required to be S/U, which puts the Curriculum policy at odds with this GE policy.

Becky will send a memo to AAC and FSCC about the new GE policy and that it conflicts with AAC and FSCC policy around S/U.

DHC two per department rule – Currently students who complete the General education requirements through DHC will exceed the two per department rule. Cynthia moved the General Education rule that limits students to no more than two courses from the same program area does not apply to interdisciplinary programs as defined in CWUP 5-50-100. The DHC program would also qualify under this General Education program rule exception. This will be put on the agenda for next week so committee members are able to review this. Cynthia asked that this language be run by Martha Kurtz to make sure it covers the interdisciplinary programs.

Website update – Becky indicated there was a statement made by an associate dean about the website not having updated lists of classes. Becky suggested maybe there be a tutorial on how to search for courses, rather than trying to put this on the website each quarter. Mike Gimlin indicated that if the resources tab could be changed to the most updated versions that would help. Toni Woodman has put together a resource for students on how to find General Education courses that could be potentially linked to from the General Education website.

First Year Experience Librarian position is having candidate presentations. ADI task force would like to meet with the GEC next week. They sent out a list of questions for the committee to think about prior to the meeting. They would like to come at 4:00 next week.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.