

**General Education Committee
Minutes
November 20, 2017**

Present: Lori Gray, Jeff Dippmann, Becky Pearson, John Bowen, Thomas Tenerelli, Melissa Becker, Laurie Moshier, Holly Pinkart, Lindsey Brown, and Sathy Rajendran

Absent: Morgan Bliss, Jim Johnson and Jill Hoximere

Guest(s): Cody Stoddard, Mike Gimlin and Nicole Burk

Meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

Lori moved to approve the November 13, 2017 minutes as amended. Laurie seconded, and minutes were approved.

Chair report - Becky and Cody gave an update on the Gen Ed Implementation TF meeting earlier this afternoon.

CWU 187 - Curriculum Committee proposed that the title be shortened to First-Year Experience and take out Special Topics Seminar. Then the sub topic will be on the transcript. Lori moved to approve a change to the CWU 187 title to First-Year Experience. Laurie seconded, and motion was approved.

Course description: The committee discussed three different options for changes to the course description. There was a concern the suggested changes from the Curriculum Committee sound more like a justification than a course description. Holly offered to draft a new description and run it by the committee via email.

Gen Ed Concern – The committee reviewed the concern that came from Ginny Blackson. Becky talked with Gail Mackin who indicated that it is okay to come out of college without courses labeled Math and English if the courses meet the established outcomes. The outcomes went through a long process on campus. The new General Education proposal is moving away from topic based courses to an outcome based program. Graduate schools would not really be an issue. Running start will be worked out through implementation team. Transfers will be worked out on a case by case basis. Committee is okay with Becky sending Ginny a response.

Thomas's concerns:

Lori moved that the Gen Ed Committee will not require course title changes as a condition for accepting General Education proposals. Laurie seconded, and motion was approved.

Lori moved that the Gen Ed committee will be very clear in our response to General Education proposers when a comment to Gen Ed proposes is merely a suggestion that is not necessary for approval. Laurie seconded, and motion was approved.

The committee discussed Thomas's third concern that Economics alone is a sufficient sustainability topic for approval in the sustainability pathway if two of the required list criteria are met.

The committee decided they need additional information from GERT about the intent of the Sustainability pathway. Will table this issue until the next meeting.

Mike Gimlin brought forward an issue he is seeing with rejected General Education proposals back to proposers for changes. An example is AIS 101 or 102 were rejected by Gen Ed committee with suggestion to strengthen a learner outcome. The course has already been approved by the Curriculum Committee and would require another course change proposal that would not make it through the system in time to be included in the General Education proposal.

The committee discussed proposers that have used the same language that is listed in the Gen Ed document. Last week there were some different opinions on that.

Thomas moved accept outcomes as listed in the GE document if they've got appropriate assessments, then it is acceptable. Table this discussion until next week.

Committee moved into discussion groups.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.