

**FACULTY SENATE
ANNUAL
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Prepared for the Central Washington University Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Committee: _____General Education Committee_____

Committee Chair: Becky Pearson

Committee Representation: Note: The GEC continued to operate as two subcommittees until March 2021. At that time, the subcommittees began meeting together, with a charges/tasks document dated March 15, 2021 that supersedes prior charges.

- Members – General Education Curriculum & Assessment (GECA) subcommittee
 - Cynthia Pengilly
 - Maura Valentino
 - Michael Braunstein
 - Teresa Walker
 - Timothy Hargrave
- Members – General Education Coordination & Management (GECM) subcommittee, the Pathway Coordinators
 - A.I. Ross
 - Carey Gazis
 - Joshua Buchanan
 - Karisa Terry
 - Judy Beard
 - Robert Claridge
 - Victoria Flanagan
- Ex Officio Members
 - Bernadette Jungblut
 - Registrar's office
- Student Representatives
 - Emily Arras
- Guests
 - Advising representative
 - Transfer Center representative
 - Gail Mackin

Committee Charges:

- As per the Web until directed by Executive Committee to replace charges with a superseding document dated March 15, 2021

Report on the Activities of the Committee:

- Meeting Dates and Times – Monday, 3:10 to 5pm
- Minutes (Should be posted to the Web)

Motions Motion No. 20-35(Approved 49 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention):

Recommend approval the 2021-2022 General Education program change as outlined in Exhibit L.

Motion No. 20-35a(Approved 47 yes, 1 no 1 abstention): Senator Lubinski moved to amend the third paragraph under “First Year Experience. To read: Transfer students who have not completed their General Education requirements, and who have not transferred at least 45 credits, must complete this course if they have not completed equivalent coursework (courses with equivalent outcomes as determined by the GEC and/or Registrar).

- Items of Interest
 - New GECM member recruited due to CAH decision not to fund workload for an existing member.
 - Faculty Senate Executive Committee disbanded currently sitting GEC – and suspended the language establishing one of its two subcommittees (the Pathway Coordinators) as well as the Director position – effective June 15, 2021.
- Successes
 - Review and approval of new course options for AY21-22.
 - Articulations work to support transfer student success.
 - Renaming of First Year Experience course to PADstone.
 - Having student representation for a second year in a row.
 - Updates and clarifications of rules.
- Concerns
 - Committee structure and charges as two subcommittees
 - Internal and external perceptions re assessment and other administration-related responsibility, authority, and capacity
 - Lack of budget, related mechanisms, communication paths
 - Lack of transparency re institutional decision making and discussions that impacted committee work and potential
 - Lack of support for committee workload, especially GECM
- Recommendations
 - Focus GEC efforts to emphasize:
 - review and approval of course proposals,

- review of student petitions,
- effort re component, process, and outreach changes needed to improve GE
- review, interpretation, reporting/recommendations re assessment data and findings
- Review existing S/U policy
 - has potential impact on GE integrity
 - may need revision or improved clarity