

**General Education Committee  
February 28, 2022  
Minutes**

Present: A.I. Ross, Teri Walker, Michael Braunstein, Maura Valentino, John Choi, Elaine Glenn, Peter Gray, John Neurohr, Mike Gimlin, and Michael Goerger

Absent: Tim Hargrave

Guest(s): None

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Maura moved to approve the February 14, 2022 minutes. Michael B seconded and motion was approved.

Chairs report – Teri reported that the General Education program change will be up for review at the March 2 Faculty Senate meeting. TH 377 is adding outcomes, but this is just so they are on record. These are the same outcomes that were used when the course was approved for General Education. Teri is continuing to work on the “Need to Know” Q&A, assessment, faculty, and advisor website pages.

Course reserves – Mike Gimlin brought a report to the committee regarding General Education courses that have course reserves. Five Quantitative Reasoning (QR) courses have reserves for specific locations or majors. There are other courses that do have reserves as well that are in the General Education program. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mike Gimlin indicated there are no student petitions at this point.

General Education Chair nominations for next year – Teri asked that members send nominations for General Education chair for next year to the Faculty Senate office. A.I. indicated that NTT faculty on the committee would need to receive a contract letter if they were elected. The Provost Office supports workload for NTT faculty to serve on the committee, but not sure if there would be funding for an NTT to chair the committee. Please submit by March 11<sup>th</sup> to the Senate office. Present statements to the committee on March 14<sup>th</sup> and election on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Teri reported that they are still needing to update the website in regards to personal pronouns. She will be sending out that request soon.

GE Assessment – Teri talked with Running Start and confirmed that college in the high school is what is used for P1.4 not Running Start. Running Start classes are offered through CWU. P1.4 is good as revised.

P1.7 - Do we need to add “NS” No show? Mike Gimlin provided a spreadsheet showing the DFW numbers and percentage for GE courses. Michael Goerger indicated that departments used to receive funding to hire a tutor to help students within General Education courses that had a high DFW rate. This is something that should come back. Suggested language: How many students completed the course? How are Incompletes going to be counted? Following extended discussion around the issue of what specific class grades information for P1.7 of the Course Level Assessment plan is appropriate for, and

available to the Gen Ed Committee, and how such information might be used, the committee settled on “How many students did not earn a letter grade?”

P3.18 approved. P3.19 approved. P3. 20 approved.

Program Level Goals – P3.21, P3.22, approved. Need to potentially add another question on “Are the High Impact Practices being utilized within the GE program?”. P3.23 will be discussed next week. Add P3.23a added to talk about next week about are high impact practices being utilized within the GE program.

P3.24 approved. Signature work is the way it is referred to through accreditation. AAC&U has a definition.

P3.25 approved.

GE course level assessment (re-review) rubric – Teri went over the rubric. The committee approved the rubric.

Michael Goerger – The Senate Executive Committee (EC) has concern about the rules that if a course is not taught in General Education for two years it is supposed to be removed from General Education. With the budget issues the university is facing, they would like to see these courses be put on “reserve” for a few years before being removed.

A.I. asked that the committee should work on one of the charges to look at the General Education outcomes for ablest and bias language. Teri indicated this should be part of the assessment plan as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.