

General Education Committee
May 3, 2021
Minutes

Present: Cynthia Pengilly, Teri Walker, Michael Braunstein, Tim Hargrave, Maura Valentino, Becky Pearson, Emily Arras, A.I. Ross, Joshua Buchanan, Carey Gazis, Karisa Terry, Judy Beard, Toni Woodman, Mike Gimlin, and Greg Lyman

Absent: Shaffer Claridge and Provost designee

Guest(s): None

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

There are no minutes yet for the April 26, 2021 meeting.

Student petition – This petition is for the former General Education program. The student took two courses from Sociology. This appears to be an advisor error. Carey moved to accept the student petition. Teri seconded and motion was approved with two abstentions.

Toni Woodman – Toni talked about the General Education worksheet that Advising uses for students and the Wildcat Guide that gets sent out to new students. The catalog copy still mentions certificate instead of transcript milestone. This was taken out of the program change and will be updated in the catalog copy. Becky mentioned that she doesn't think that the transcript milestones are currently being put on the transcripts. Mike Gimlin indicated if a student only receives one pathway milestone it could be done. Mike G will find out some additional information on the transcript milestone process to help the committee decide how this should move forward. The first one that hits five courses in a pathway is the one that indicates completion, but milestones are done differently and have to be managed. Someone from the General Education committee would need to manage the milestones. If it is automated process, it will be put on the first pathway that has five courses in it. This does impact transfer students as most of the transfer articulations have been put in Ways of Knowing pathway. Mike G does not know if once a milestone is awarded, if it can be changed at a later time if the student wants a different pathway milestone indicated on their transcript. A.I. suggested adding "in the near future" the milestones will show up.

Toni asked about MATH 152 if it will be part of the GE program for next year as a QR course. This course is not currently part of the General Education program. The MATH 152 General Education course proposal came in after the deadline and will be considered for the AY22-23 GE program.

Toni inquired if ENG 101A/B are part of General Education program and should they be in the list. Last year, when these courses were proposed, GECA decided to allow a course substitution so that students don't have to petition. The committee did talk about having English submit the courses for General Education so it could be in the program. Mike G. indicated that the outcomes for 101B are different than 101. Michael Braunstein moved that the committee charges the chair of the GEC to request English Department to submit a GE proposal for ENG 101A/101B courses to be part of the General Education program. Cynthia seconded and motion was approved.

This will not be in the catalog, but advising may use in their documents.

The committee did not have time to move into breakout groups to work on the transfer articulations. Each group needs bring 50-75 at the next two meetings to get through the articulations by the May 17th meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.