

# **General Education Committee Meeting**

167 Lake Ontario Hall

Minutes of 9/23/2024

**PRESENT:** Phyllis Curtiss; Dori Danko; Brian Drake; Firas Hindeleh; Maya Hobscheid; Dennis Malaret; Rajvardhan Patil; David Vessey, Chair

**ALSO PRESENT:** C. "Griff" Griffin, Director, General Education; Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator

**NOT PRESENT:** Hsiao-Ping Chen; Felix Ngassa, AVP of Academic Affairs; Sean Lancaster, AVP of Academic Affairs; Janet Winter

## **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of today's agenda
- Approval of minutes 9/16/24

**Chair's Report** – Chair met with the Unit Head of Chemistry to discuss CHM 125 and CHM 126 which are a split lecture and lab Chemistry course proposed for General Education credit. We need to ensure that all the SLOs are taught in the 3-credit lecture. GEC will have to decide how to handle the 1-credit lab with SLOs.

**Director's Report** – Director shared a document of current Issues courses that are required by the course major or other majors. The document shows some are required but not a lot.

**Provost Office Report** – None.

## **Old Business**

- Choose Your Own Skill Proposal  
Members revisited the discussion about allowing Foundation and Cultures courses to choose their own two skills, rather than making them choose from designated skills. Foundations – Writing is not included.

Choose Your Own Skill is as follows: The GE Assessment for Skills is changing. Units offering courses in Foundations and/or Cultures can choose any two skills from the following eight skills:

1. Collaboration
2. Critical Thinking
3. Ethical Reasoning
4. Information Literacy
5. Oral Communication
6. Problem Solving
7. Quantitative Literacy
8. Written Communication

There are three qualifications:

1. All Foundation -Writing - courses will continue to have Information Literacy and Written Communication hardwired into the category.
2. All Foundation and Cultures courses will retain their current skills, until a document that outlines how they will teach and assess a different skill is submitted to and approved by GEC
3. All sections of a course will teach the identical skills.

All Issues courses will continue to teach and assess Collaboration, Integration and Problem Solving; and no courses solely in Foundations and/or Cultures will teach and assess Integration.

**Action Taken: B. Drake moved to approve the Choose Your Own Skill. D. Danko 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion carries 8-0.**

### **New Business**

- Approval of 2023-2024 Assessment Report

Director asked the committee to take time to review the assessment report. The committee needs to discuss this report and the assessment cycle report to evaluate the GE Program and make any recommendations for changes. We need to ensure students are learning what is intended. Chair will schedule a future meeting to discuss both reports in length. Director also briefly discussed the various ways of organizing a General Education Program.

**Action Taken: D. Malaret moved to approve the Assessment Report as presented. B. Drake 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries 8-0.**

- Review and Discuss CARs

- HPE 207

**Action Taken: D. Danko moved give the course a Warning. D. Malaret 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion carries 8-0.**

- EDF 215

**Action Taken: B. Drake moved give the course a Warning. P. Curtiss 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion carries 8-0.**

- ART 271

**Action Taken: Tabled until next meeting.**

- LAS 210

**Action Taken: M. Hobscheid moved give the course a Warning. D. Malaret 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion carries 7-1.**

**Adjournment – 4:32 p.m.**