

To: Felix Ngassa, ECS Chair

Cc: C. Griff Griffin, Director, General Education Program

From: Amy Ferdinandt Stolley, GEC Chair

Re: General Education Committee Year-End Report for 2022-2023

Date: April 18, 2023

The General Education Committee (GEC) met 23 times in-person this year on Mondays from 3:00-4:30 p.m. This report summarizes the work completed by GEC this year.

CURRICULUM

GE Course Proposals: GEC reviewed 7 course proposals, some with multiple resubmissions. All 7 proposals were approved. We also reviewed and approved 3 special topics course proposals.

Digital Literacy: GEC drafted a definition and learning objectives for a Skills Outcome in Digital Literacy to be considered by faculty teaching Foundations and Cultures courses. Faculty teaching these courses were invited to provide feedback on the definition and learning objectives; responses will be used by GEC in Fall 2023 to determine the feasibility of incorporating Digital Literacy as a GE Skills Outcome. GEC also submitted a memo to ECS in March 2023 recommending the university discuss creating a required learning experience for all first-year students to ensure they have the foundational technology skills they need to be successful.

Global Perspectives: GEC made two changes in how Global Perspectives credit will be granted to students:

- 1) Students who earn credit for MLL 202, which will be granted to students who have earned the Michigan Biliteracy Seal, will also have Global Perspectives credit added to their transcript. MLL 202 will not be assessed by GEC.
- 2) International students and students who are the children of international workers will have their Global Perspectives requirement waived to acknowledge their lived experience as international students studying in the US.

Revision to GE Course Proposal Form: We revised the GE Sail Form and approved a series of changes to help with overall clarity and reduce the need for proposal revisions. These changes were implemented in Sail in early 2023.

ASSESSMENT

Course Assessment Report Review: GEC reviewed and replied to 89 Course Assessment Reports (CARs). The GE committee approved 72 of them. Six (6) CARs were given a Warning and 9 were placed on Probation, which requires reassessment in the next semester the courses are offered. Two courses were removed from the General Education Program in accordance with GE's Recertification Policy. The courses were removed because they were on probation and the new CAR did not meet the accuracy and completeness standards of GE's Recertification Policy.

The GEC Chair and/or GE Director met with six units whose courses will be reassessed to offer suggestions and recommendations for a successful assessment next semester.

Revision to CAR Feedback Forms: To better reflect the intent of GEC's feedback, one of the categories on our response rubric was renamed from Recertified with Concerns to Recertified with Concerns and Suggestions.

Revision to Course Recertification Policy: The committee revised the GE Recertification Policy to address when a Warning would be given to a course based on the submitted CAR. The revised policy will be updated and shared with faculty/units assessing courses in Fall 2023.

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

GE Website Revision: A small working group of committee members (Rozema, José) was formed to revise the GE website to improve accessibility of resources for faculty, students, and advisors. These changes will be finalized and the new site will go live in Spring/Summer 2023.

Meeting Times: GEC moved its meetings, originally scheduled for 2:30-4:30 on Monday afternoons, to 3-4:30. This change was made to better align with class schedules. In the winter, GEC voted to make this change permanent.

ECS CHARGES

Charge 1: **Development of Assessment Materials**, SHORE Log: 1050-2018
Report submitted to ECS on April 18, 2023.

Charge 2: **Program Review-Related Reportage**, SHORE Log: 1254-2021
Report submitted to ECS on March 22, 2023.

- Charge 3: Example Curriculum Proposals, SHORE Log: 1307-2022**
We were unable to complete this charge because we made significant changes to the SAIL proposal form in Fall 2022 and did not receive a new proposal using the revised form.
- Charge 4: Example Course Assessment Reports, SHORE Log: 1308-2022**
Report submitted to ECS on April 18, 2023.
- Charge 5: Subcommittees of GEC, SHORE Log: 1309-2022**
Report submitted to ECS on February 7, 2023.
- Charge 6: Training Materials, SHORE Log: 1301-2022**
Report submitted to ECS on April 18, 2023.

This report fulfills the charge of producing a year-end report.

ATTENDANCE

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Hsiao-Ping Chen, VMA	21	Emily Nichols, SW	4
Phyllis Curtiss, STA	22	Rajvardhan Patil, CIS	12
Dori Danko, ACC	20	Robert Rozema, ENG (<i>class conflict in W23</i>)	11
Gabriele Gottlieb, HST	20	Amy Ferdinandt Stolley, WRT	23
Firas Hindeleh, MTH	23	Chad Sutcliffe, AHS	11
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Laurence José, WRT/DS	22	David Vessey, PHL	19

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