



General Education Oversight Committee

December 1, 2021 at 10:00am-11:30am

Via WebEx

Meeting Minutes

*Members in **BOLD** were in attendance:*

Manuela Wagner – Chair, (Karen McDermott – Admin), Michele Back, **Oksan Bayulgen**, Lisa Blansett, **Brenda Brueggemann, Scott Campbell**, Jason Chang (Ex-Officio), **Keith Conrad, Robert Day**, Kelly Dennis, **Richard Dunn**, Alex Gatten, **Ali Gokirmak**, Lori Gresham, **Linda Halgunseth, Oliver Hiob, Tania Huedo-Medina**, Andy Jolly-Balantine, **Morty Ortega, Eleanor Ouimet**, Annelie Skoog, Jennifer Terni, Kathleen Tonry, Eduardo Urios-Aparisi, Suzanne Wilson (Ex-Officio)

Called to order at 1:01 pm.

1. Welcome and Regrets

- a. **Regrets:** K. Dennis, J. Terni, E. Urios-Aparisi, M. Back

2. Past and Future Meetings

- A. Minutes of November 8, 2021 meeting.

M. Ortega motioned to approved the Minutes. R. Dunn seconded. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

B. Future Meetings:

Jan. 31, 12:00pm-1:30pm

Feb. 14, 12:00pm-1:30pm

Feb. 28, 12:00pm-1:30pm

(Mar. 14 – SPRING BREAK. No Meeting)

Mar. 28, 12:00pm-1:30pm

Apr. 11, 12:00pm-1:30pm

Apr. 25, 12:00pm-1:30pm

3. Upcoming Deadlines

- A. Registration for Fall 2022 begins March 21 (Prioritize new courses before February 14)
 - Proposers often want to add new courses to the schedule for the next semester even if they are not officially in the catalog. In order to get them in before registration starts, we would need approvals in GEOC by February 14.

4. Chair's Report

- A. Graduate-level Gen Ed Courses
 - A graduate course seeking CA4 will be forthcoming. Are there any thought or concerns?
 - There did not seem to be any concerns. One member specifically supported graduate courses seeking content areas.
- B. Provost's Competition – Seeking Selection Committee Members (Will meet early January)
 - If anyone is interested in being on the selection committee, let M. Wagner and K. McDermott know.

- There are different ways to participate. You can sit on the selection committee or serve as an ad hoc reviewer.
 - Each member is only assigned to review 3-4 proposals in depth.
- C. Alignment Reports Due February 28
- K. McDermott noted that we are still waiting for one department to get their materials in so that she can send the subcommittees everything all at once. One way or another, the materials will go out before the Christmas break.
 - Subcommittees can begin review whenever they want, as long as reports are in by February 14. This allows time for processing reports, sending them out to Senate C&C and University Senate, and notifying departments.
 - For the Alignment, subcommittee co-chairs do not have to contact proposers if the courses are unaligned. Just submit your report and M. Wagner and K. McDermott pick it up from there.
- D. Delta2GE Update
- Senate C&C and other entities are having animated conversations about one component of the new Gen Eds: the CA3 lab component, or lack thereof.
 - There was a lab subcommittee in Delta2GE that looked at this. The elimination of the lab requirement will effect a number of departments.
 - The new Gen Ed plan encourages more data-driven thinking in the science Topic of Inquiry (TOI), so many courses will still have labs or semi-labs.
 - Send M. Wagner or K. McDermott any questions you may have.
- E. Academic Adjustments Proposal
- M. Wagner just got an email from Cheryl Galli about a change they want to make to the guidelines for Academic Adjustments. Scholastic Standards looked at how other universities handled this, and many put this responsibility on the Center for Disabilities. We are looking to bring our process into alignment with those universities.
 - Essentially this already happens because the review committee looks heavily to the staff of the center anyway to make their decisions. The proposal basically cuts out the middle-man.

5. Subcommittee Dockets

A. CA1 Docket

- a. CLCS 2010 Media Literacy and Data Ethics [CA1, CA4-Int] (#6015) [Returned by Senate C&C for consultation with proposer]

B. CA2 Docket (N/A)

C. CA3 Docket

Older

- a. ENGL 2614 Writing in Algorithms [CA3] (#4375) [New course]

Discussion

- A. Gokirmak presented the report.
- One member was confused about what the ENGL course was trying to do. A. Gokirmak explained the course to his knowledge. He noted that the subcommittee had their reservations about the course, but a conversation with the proposer convinced them that the course met CA3 requirements.

- One member was concerned about the apparent restriction the CA3 subcommittee suggested about who can teach the course. We cannot put such restrictions on courses; we need to trust that departments are going to staff a course with appropriate faculty.

The CA3 Report was accepted as submitted (Approval of ENGL 2614).

D. CA4 Docket (N/A)

New

- NURS 3080 Culturally Informed Communication with Spanish-Speaking Healthcare Consumers [CA4] (#10365) [New course]

Older

- GEOG/URBN 1200 The City in the Western Tradition [CA1, CA4-Int] (#8724) [Revise title; add CA4-Int]

Discussion

- O. Bayulgen presented the report.
- They recently heard from the proposer of GEOG/URBN 1200. She is swamped and will reply to their questions at a later date. In the meantime, the subcommittee is moving the NURS course.

The CA4 Report was accepted as submitted (Approval of NURS 3080).

E. Q Docket (N/A)

F. W Docket

New

- EEB 3244W Writing in Ecology [W] (#6496) [Revise credits]
- ENGR 4002W Multidisciplinary Engineering Design 2 [W] (#8985) [New course]
- ME 4974W Ethics for Engineers [W] (#9404) [New course]

Older

- AFRA 4997W Senior Thesis in Africana Studies [W] (#6837) [New course]
- BUSN 4897W Honors Leadership Seminar (#9724) [New course]
- STAT 4916W Writing in Data Science [W] (#9404) [New course]

Discussion

- O. Hiob-Bansal presented the report.
- M. Wagner and K. McDermott asked the subcommittee about their communication with the proposer of the AFRA course since we think the program may need it for the addition of a major. L. Gresham noted that they contacted AFRA studies twice and there was still no response. M. Wagner and K. McDermott will help the subcommittee reach out if needed.
- There was also a potential overlap issue with the ME 4974W course that M. Wagner noted.

The W Report was accepted as submitted (Approval of BUSN 4897W, STAT 4916W, ENGR 4002W).

G. EL Docket

- ME 2232E Engineering Thermodynamics [EL] (#10192) [New course]

Discussion

- M. Ortega presented the report. The subcommittee is currently recommending rejection of the course, so they will reach out to the proposer for discussion first.

The EL Report was submitted as an FYI.

H. Information Literacy Docket

I. Second Language Docket

6. Discussion of Intensive Session Course Enrollment Caps

- There was some question recently about whether or not enrollment caps noted in the CAR are binding. Per the Senate office, no, they are not. This is mainly information for the Registrar's Office.
- There was special concern about intensive session enrollment caps, and there was some talk about GEOC potentially recommending a restriction on intensive session caps.
- One member suggested that you have to take each course individually because courses are so different. Some can handle more students, even in the intensive session, some cannot.
- If there is any interest in pursuing this issue, let M. Wagner know.

7. Old Business (on hold)

- A. Aligning the Alignment Process
 - a. Requiring Regional Campus Syllabi
- B. PR and Mentoring Campaign for Gen Ed in the Spring:
 - b. Awareness of importance of Gen Ed (students, staff, faculty: presentations of Gen Ed courses, videos about what Gen Ed did for..., student focus groups on specific topics,...)
 - c. Mentoring: Lack of knowledge about EL
 - d. Outreach to Student Organizations
 - e. Suggestions for student initiatives
- C. Number of EL Seats
- D. Gen Ed Goals and Syllabi
- E. Study Abroad and CA4 Gen Ed

F. Course Action Requests in the Queue

Full-Committee Review

A. N/A

Requests on Hold

A. N/A

Requests Awaiting Chair Review

- A. AH 5330 Italy's Mediterranean Food and Our Health MS Option [CA4-Int] (#10165) [New CA4-Int Grad Course]
- B. EEB 2254W Current Topics in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology [W] (#9384) [New Course]
- C. EEB 2256W Current Topics in Evolutionary Medicine and Disease Ecology [W] (#9444) [New Course]
- D. EEB 2258W Current Topics in Conservation and Climate Change Biology [W] (#9445) [New Course]
- E. ENGL 2055WE Writing, Rhetoric, and Environment [W, EL] (#8325) [New Course]
- F. HIST 2845/W Global History of Capitalism [CA1, CA4, W] (#9324) [New Course]
- G. KINS 2227 Exercise Prescription [CA3] (#10305) [Add CA3]
- H. WGSS 3265W Producing Intersectional, Interdisciplinary and Transnational WGSS Scholarship [W] (#9944) [Revise title]
- I. WGSS 4994W Senior Seminar [W] (#8684) [Add enrollment restriction]

Meeting adjourned at 2:19pm.