



General Education Committee
Minutes

October, 2023

Present: Mark Jacobson
Paul Pope
Keeara Rhoades
Daniel Willems
Eileen Wright
Melinda Tilton
Mara Pierce
Jason Comer
Chairsty Stewart
Bryan Grove (ex officio)

Absent: Jennifer Lodi-Chaffey*
Ana Diaz*
Daniel Charlton
Emily Arendt*
Jeff Willardson*
Debra Schoenfeld

*excused

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am in LA 207.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 14, 2023 were accepted.

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Course Mapping/Alignment

Committee members reported on what they learned from colleagues regarding mapping courses to the two Respect Diversity program outcomes.

Political Science and Sociology are appropriately mapped, and are very amenable to submitting assessment materials.

Music conveyed they are good with MUSI 101, but MUSI 147 does not achieve either two outcomes and should be removed.

Biology stated they should remove all of the BIOB courses from both outcomes.

There was no response on the BGEN course (which is shared between COB and City College).

History is on board and ready to gather assessment materials.

The Psychology course had interesting responses: one instructor says yes, the outcomes are achieved, while another instructor said no, they are not achieved.

The Anthropology course is reported to fit the outcomes.

The Art courses meet both outcomes and there will be artifacts for submission.

B. Revision of Gen Ed Program Learning Outcome #9

The subcommittee met and created ~~auto~~ ~~revised~~

Old: Produce scholarly projects or creative works conforming to appropriate disciplinary methods

New: Utilize effective interpersonal skills to collaborate toward a common purpose

The new outcome will be set for final approval at the next meeting.

C. Respect Diversity Assessment Next Steps

Ms. Tilton will meet with Kathleen Thatcher, Director of Assessment & Accreditation, to establish how many courses we should collect data from to get an accurate sampling. Eileen Wright Willems also volunteered to work on this task.

We need to make sure we don't ask for more than we need. The Committee discussed various ways to take a sample of the sections being taught this semester. Courses not offered in Fall will be prioritized for Spring.

In contacting faculty about the mapping, it was learned that faculty may be under the impression that their course will be removed from Gen Ed if it does not meet the two Respect Diversity outcomes, which is not true.

It was agreed that a second reminder to Department Chairs and instructors will go out on October 30. It will include

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