

MINUTES
General Education Committee
November 5, 2019
2:00-3:30pm
VL 216

Members present: Steve Contakes (Chair and Professor of Chemistry), Paul Delaney (Professor of English), Michelle Hardley (Secretary and Registrar), Michelle Hughes (Professor of Education), Jana Mayfield Mullen (Information Literacy Librarian),

Others Present:

Absent: Tatiana Nazarenko (Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness),

I. Prayer – Jana Mayfield Mullen

II. Meeting Minutes - The minutes from October 22, 2019 were approved.

III. EB-150 – Paul’s course – Add to Compassionate Action: Serving Society
The committee discussed the course proposal. As EB-150 is a topics course number the committee recommended the proposal be returned to Paul Bradford so that it can be proposed as a standing course. Once it is approved as a standing course then it can be proposed for GE credit.

IV. APP-030 – Introduction to Film Making – Add to Common Inquiries: Working Artistically
The committee discussed the course in relation to the GE area proposed. The professor added in additional readings from the previous syllabus and more detail on activities within each week.

There were some questions on the course learning objectives and the student learning outcomes and where they were present and assessed within the syllabus. There was also conversation regarding one of the readings.

The committee recommends withholding approval so that there can be additional clarification on the syllabus details.

V. IS-121 –Geography and History of Israel as it Impacts the Bible and Modern Life – Add to Common Inquiries: Thinking Globally
The proposal was discussed relative to the new Thinking Globally certification criteria. The committee recommended approval for Europe Semester 2020.

VI. IS-122 – Technology and European Society – Add to Common Inquiries: Understanding Society

The committee discussed the proposal. There were some concerns over the structure of the course and how students were learning the sociological theories they would then be applying to technology when in Europe. A major portion of the graded coursework is done prior to the start of the semester, and the textbook used does not appear to cover technology. There were also some questions on the learning objectives, the course outline on the flow of the semester, what assignments are connected to which activities and how the places they will visit connect to the topics?

VII. Update on the WSF Submission

Steve updated the committee that the revised course on the WSF program in Urban Poverty is now approved. The additional course in 21st Century Technology, Christian Faith and the Meaning of Life has not yet been resubmitted for Philosophical Reflection credit. Steve is not sure if it will be resubmitted.

VIII. Discuss the Results of the 2018 Senior Survey

This item has been discussed and no further action will be taken.

IX. Steve’s Conversation with Mark and Gregg on the PEA Requirement

Steve had some additional conversations with Gregg Afman, the chair of the Kinesiology department. The department is not in favor of dropping from 4 required PEA courses in the GE to 2, but they may be ok dropping down to 3. Additional discussion on this topic is needed.

X. Steve’s Email to Helen on the RS-001 Syllabus

Steve sat down with Bill and reworked his syllabus so that the syllabus is in line with the syllabus standards

XI. RIL Assessment

This item will be discussed in a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Hardley