

**MINUTES**  
**General Education Committee**  
**September 9, 2020**  
**2:00-3:30 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

**Members present:** Steve Contakes (Professor of Chemistry and Committee Chair), Michelle Hardley (Registrar), Steve Hodson (Professor of Music), Jana Mayfield Mullen (Director of the Westmont Library), Tatiana Nazarenko (Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness), Rachel Winslow (Professor of History)

**Absent:**

**I. Prayer** – Steve Contakes

**II. Approve the Minutes of May 5 and May 13**

The meeting minutes were approved with one minor correction.

**III. Election of the Committee Chair**

Steve Contakes has been elected the chair of the committee for the fall and Rachel Winslow has been elected chair of the committee for the spring.

**IV. Setting the Agenda of the 2020-2021 Academic Year**

Steve C. reviewed the various tasks of the committee for the upcoming school year and committee members were linked to the shared drive for the GE Committee documents.

The main items this year will be a number of assessment reports to review, the assessment project in the Reasoning Abstractly GE area, and possible changes to the GE certification criteria surrounding the issue of how to embed topics of race and ethnicity into the GE curriculum. There will also be a number of proposals for GE credit for individual courses.

Steve worked with the committee to set a few initial agenda items in specific dates for future meetings.

Steve C. will work on some edits to the Senate memo with our suggestions for ways to embed issues of race and ethnicity into the GE Combined document. He will send a final draft to the committee members for review. Once finalized, Michelle will then present this document to Senate as a part of their continued

discussions on this topic and convey that the GE Committee is ready and willing to assist in this project.

Tatiana will talk to Mary Docter about whether any plans to modify the Modern Foreign Language GE requirement is or should be brought to Senate this year

Steve C. will send an email to Russ Howell and Jim Taylor to set up a meeting to plan the Reasoning Abstractly assessment

**V. The PRCs Response to the GE 2019 Report**

This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

**VI. Philosophical Reflections GE Area Report**

This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Hardley