MINUTES OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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**HML 4115 (Haak conference room)**

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Communications and Announcements

4. Old Business

 a. GE Themes/ Working Group/ Policy

5. New Business

 a. ENGL 114

6. New Course Proposals

7. Tabled Items

a. CE-161

b. CE-180A

8. Adjournment

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| **Member** | **College** | **Notes / Attendance** |
| Devendra Sharma | CAH | X  |
| Aaron Schuelke | CAH | X  |
| Yertai Tanai | CSB |  X |
| Steven Payne | CSM | X  |
| Michael Bishop | CSM | X  |
| Chadley James **(Chair)** | CSS | X  |
| Lynn Williams | JCAST | X  |
| Yushi Ahn | LCOE | X  |
| Erica Lassen, Guest | Articulation |  X |
| Chris Beck | ASI Student Rep | X  |
| Kathy Dunbar | Student Affairs | X  |
| Bernadette Muscat | Undergraduate Studies | X  |
| Melissa Jordine, Guest | University assessment |  X |
| Christina Luna | KSOEHD | X  |

The agenda was approved unanimously. The minutes were approved with one abstention. Call for members to Senate committees and the GE Committee lost one member and needs one member. The GE Assessment Sub-Committee also needs members.

There is an open forum to discuss a pending ethnic studies requirement proposed as a bill in the California legislature. All CSU campuses have to prepare a report on the impact of this new requirement on the university. The legislation would require that there is a two part ethnic studies requirement, one is a lower-division GE focused on four ethnic areas and and an upper-division course that is not GE. This would have a significant impact on GE assessment if Fresno State went from 40 to 45 GE learning outcomes. GE Committee would work on this proposal beginning next year if the bill is passed and Fresno State would have until 2023 to implement the lower-division GE course.

For course proposal reviews, the committee agreed that one person from the college would review it along with a second person from the committee. This is important to have someone with knowledge of the college and to ensure that different committee members review different proposals.

GE Themes --- a working group was set up and will meet and begin to work on a the policy. Early next week communication will go out and the committee will start working on the themes along with the regular work of the committee. The committee needs to decide if the GE themes will be pursued and the committee should recommend whether or not the themes should be included in the next strategic plan. There is a need to discuss and to make a decision in a relatively short amount of time due to the ending of one strategic plan and the creation/implementation of a new strategic plan. There is a need to incentivize GE so that students see a reason and purpose for GE in the same way that many faculty see it. Students could have the opportunity to have the theme recognized (certificate) on their transcripts and degree.

English 114 -- existing course that has been significantly revised, curriculum committee asked that it come to this committee to make sure it is still aligned to GE Area IC. Devendra and Yushi will review the course proposal using the rubric and they will review it by the next meeting.