MINUTES OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Friday, March 20, 2020

**Virtual Meeting: Zoom (12:00pm – 1:30pm)**

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Communications and Announcements

a. University Committees during shut-down

b. WS124

4. Old Business

a. ENGL114 (update)

5. New Business

a. DS72 (Michael and Chadley)

6. New Course Proposals

a. FREN124

b. FREN125

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 |  |
| Melissa Jordine, Guest | University assessment |  |
| Christina Luna | KSOEHD |  |

**Minutes:**

Agenda was approved unanimously

Minutes were approved unanimously with one abstention (Chadley)

**Communications**

**WS 124** - Chadley reached out to faculty for changes. Once changes were made the syllabus was approved and submitted to Undergraduate Studies.

**University Committees** - Chadley received notice from the Academic Senate that committee meetings should be cancelled to allow time for faculty to work on transition to virtual courses. The decision to cancel the remaining meetings was brought up to the committee for a vote, with the caveat that business could be conducted if absolutely needed. It was further recognized that the next meeting would be after the catalog deadline, so it would not negatively impact course approvals for the 2020-2021 academic year. A motion was proposed and approved unanimously to cancel remaining GE committee meetings for the Spring 2020 semester.

**ENGL 114** - Devendra and Chadley reviewed the courses and sent proposed changes to the faculty member, who submitted feedback on suggested changes. Both will continue to review changes and work with the faculty, and will possibly invite the faculty member if it is not possible to compromise on the course proposal.

Ethnic Studies Proposal - Bernadette updated the committee that she had heard from Tom Holyoke that there would be a lower division GE ethnic studies requirement beginning in Academic Year 2023-2024. The 3 unit, “Ethnic Studies, Diversity, and Social Justice Requirement” would be part of breadth and can be met with existing GE requirements. Bernadette will reach out to Tom for additional information.

**New Business**

**DS 72** - Yertai had reached out to Chadley previously regarding the DS 72 proposal. It was reviewed prior to this meeting by Michael and Chadley. Michael had some concerns regarding the course and passed them along to Yertai. The primary concerns raised were regarding making sure that upcoming B4 courses needed to make sure that students understood the underlying principles of qualitative analysis. Michael raised the concern that it would be important to be alert regarding attempts to create GE B4 courses that uphold the B4 learning outcomes and standards.

The motion to approve DS 72 for GE B4 was approved unanimously.

Adjournment at 12:34pm