MINUTES OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Friday, August 27, 2021

Virtual Meeting: Zoom (12:10pm – 1:30pm)

1. **Approval of Agenda**

2. **Approval of Minutes**

3. **Communications and Announcements**

a. Welcome

b. ASI Student Representative

c. LCOE & CSB Representative

4. **Old Business**

1. **ASAM143**
2. **GEOG81**
3. **AFRS40**
4. **AFRS15**

5. **New Business**

1. Area B4 update (Michael)

6. **Tabled Items**

a. CE-161

b. CE-180A

c. ENGL114

7. **Adjournment**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| **Member** | **College** | **Notes / Attendance** |
| Miguel Angel Pedroza | JCAST | X |
| Aaron Schuelke | CAH | X |
|  | CSB |  |
| Susan Mirlohi | CHHS | X |
| Michael Bishop | CSM | X |
| Chadley James (Chair) | CSS |  |
| Ellen Woo | CSM | X |
|  | LCOE |  |
| Erica Lassen, Guest | Articulation | X |
| Chris Beck | Guest | X |
| Kathy Dunbar | Student Affairs |  |
| Bernadette Muscat | Undergraduate Studies | X |
| Douglas Fraleigh, Guest | University Assessment |  |
| Lynette Guzman | KSOEHD | X |
| Luis Gordo Pelaez | CAH |  |

Minutes - 8/27/2021

**Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was approved unanimously

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were approved unanimously. Erica asked if there was progress on tabled courses.

**Communications and Announcements**

**Welcome**

Bernadette reminded the committee that numerous high-unit majors received unit waivers in regards to Area F, so these majors had multiple options in which to address. This may result in a higher than normal workload for the committee this year, in addition to normal approval of courses. Additionally, Bernadette recommended that the committee would need to make decisions regarding ad hoc “special guests” for Area F departments.

Finally, departments that are outside four approved Area F areas would need to collaborate with departments to receive approval, which requires cross-listing and the courses must be GE themselves.

Chadley noted that the committee had recommended initially that ad-hoc members be made permanent members, but that it was brought up that numerous checks existed (e.g. COSS Curriculum) that may reduce need. Will check in with ad hoc members about interest.

**ASI Student Representative**

Chadley brought up that ASI has not had a representative on the committee since Chris’s departure as a representative. He reminded the committee of the importance of student representation, so asked if ASI could be requested to approve a committee member.

**LCOE & CSB Representative**

Chadley noted that Yertai and Yushin both departed the committee last semester. Will need to follow process to replace representatives for LCOE and CSB.

**Old Business**

**ASAM143**

Committee member who submitted the proposal has departed the university, so revisions were passed along to Jenny Bahn. Chadley is working to receive those revisions and they are being made.

**GEOG81**

Chadley will reach out to the faculty to clarify what is intended for the course. Currently, it seems there is a name change being requested. Revisions made by Doug and Aaron are being made.

**AFRS 40/15**

Faculty member who submitted the proposal has also departed from the university. Chadley will reach out to AFRS chair to receive revisions for both courses.

**New Business**

**Area B4 update (Michael)**

Last year an evaluation of PH 92 brought up issues with CSU Executive Orders related to B4. The Math department created co-requisites for all GE courses. An email was submitted from the PH Department Chair requesting an update on PH 92. Michael recommended that a GE B4 policy be made this year by the committee.

Michael recommended that PH 92 (and likely PSYCH 42, if requested as GE) be restricted for Category 1 and 2 students only. Category 3 and 4 students would take a course with an approved “L” support section (e.g. Category 2 PH students take PH 92, while Category 3 & 4 would take MATH 11L).

Michael also recommended that, since the course is intended for health sciences, that it be restricted only to Health Science majors (e.g. nursing, public health, etc). Additional discussion ensued regarding having these courses count for GE for everyone, but are restricted in enrollment to only PH majors. A suggestion was also made that majors who have specialized statistics courses (e.g. PH 92, PSYCH 42) be required to accept any of those courses and MATH 11 to avoid issues if students change their major.

**Tabled Items**

Chadley will have updates on the tabled courses next week.