

General Education Committee Minutes: 2/20/2020

11 am – 12 noon, Granger 102

Present: Victor Piercey (Director), Clifton Franklund (Assessment Coordinator), Rachel Foulk (CAS), Jimmie Joseph (COB), Mary Beaudry (COHP), Angie Mishler (Academic Counselors) and Leonard Johnson (Academic Affairs).

Absent: Jacob Pollak (COEHS), Khagendra Thapa (CET), Paul Zube (FNTFO), Kathryn Wolfer (Senate Liaison), Monica Frees (RSS), Mari Kermit-Canfield (FLITE), and Amy Greene (EIO)).

Guests: Amy Buse (MyDegree)

There was not a quorum, so there were no votes.

Amy Buse asked, and the committee discussed, how to handle situations where a student has 8 or more credits toward Self and Society or Culture, but not 9 credits. This occurs when:

- A student transfers from an institution with a quarter system, in which they are given 2 FSU credits for every 3 quarter credits. This means a course with 4 quarter credits is given 2.67 credits at FSU, and a course with 3 quarter credits is given 2 credits at FSU. Therefore some transfer students come in with 8.67 credits toward one or both competencies, and some come in with 8.01 credits toward one or both competencies.
- A Ferris student takes two 3-credit courses and two 1-credit courses, all at Ferris.
- There is one institution that offers a course that counts for Self and Society that carries 2 semester-credits, so a transfer student from that institution could have two 3-credit courses and one 2-credit course.

The committee came to the consensus that 9 credits for both Self and Society and Culture are required and that this is a hard minimum. The students who transfer in 8.67 credits will have this result rounded to 9, but all other students in this situation will have to take one additional course in the competency.

During the discussion, the committee considered whether or not there should be some oversight of colleges that “force complete” gen ed requirements in MyDegree. The committee decided that this was a matter to discuss with the Senate, but only if this was an actual problem. The committee asked Amy to check into whether any colleges are inappropriately force-completing gen eds in MyDegree.