

General Education Committee Agenda: 10/13/2020

11 am – 12 noon, Online

Present: Victor Piercey (Director), Paul Zube (FNTFO), Rachel Foulk (CAS), Monica Frees (RSS), Mari Kermit-Canfield (FLITE), Kathryn Wolfer (Senate Liaison), Angie Mishler (Academic Counselors) Mary Beaudry (COHP), and Leonard Johnson (Academic Affairs).

Absent: Clifton Franklund (Assessment Coordinator) and Amy Greene (EIO).

1. Approval of Agenda: Approved unanimously.
2. Announcements:
 - Senate approved revised process for deleting gen ed attributes (allowing for bypass of full subcommittee and committee reviews), but expressed concern for abuse.
 - UCC approved process for changing numbers/ prefixes (not requiring subcommittee or committee review unless chair/Director believes substantive changes are taking place).
 - Discussion with UCC about “defining criteria”: they definitely want to approve changes to FLOs, recommended considering UAC input as well, and Senate should approve. UCC is willing to weigh in on other defining criteria if we want them to, did not want to speak for Senate.
3. Consent Agenda: Approved unanimously.
 - Minutes for Sept. 24, 2020
4. Proposals
 - AMGT 360 (CULT)

Recommendation: 7 in favor of reject, 0 in favor of approve.

Concerns were that the course narrowly addressed FLOs 2 and 4, and didn't address 1 and 3. The committee believed that there was car culture, and it was clear what was being studied and interpreted, but not how that subject was to be interpreted. Other comments suggested cultural comparisons would help, such as comparing the impact of the car on American culture and other cultures.

There is a great deal of potential for this course. A new submission would have to demonstrate substantial changes, and the committee recommends collaborating with those with more academic experience in cultural analysis.

5. Process Updates:

- Changes to “defining criteria”

A proposal from a subcommittee to revise FLOs should include input from the UCC and UAC, then submitted to the UGEC for approval. Those revisions approved by UGEC will be passed to the Senate Executive Committee who will determine whether the proposal merits approval by the Senate or can be passed to the Senate for information.

Other defining criteria only requires approval by the UGEC, and will be passed to the Senate for information.

The DGE will draft a process for discussion and approval at our next meeting.

6. Running Annual Agenda (as time permits)

- Recertification: Adjust Timeline

Recertification is well behind schedule. The COMM committee and UGEC have approved one set of recertifications. The process for recertification is unclear and should be developed, clarified, and simplified. This can be done in collaboration with subcommittee chairs. It is possible that APR review of departmental programs could be used as a trigger for recertification. The HLC and APR recommendations should precede further work.