

General Education Committee Minutes: 12/3/2020

Present: Victor Piercey (Director), Paul Zube (FNTFO), Rachel Foulk (CAS), Monica Frees (RSS), Mari Kermit-Canfield (FLITE), Kathryn Wolfer (Senate Liaison),

Absent: Mary Beaudry (COHP), Leonard Johnson (Academic Affairs), Jake Pollak, Amy Greene (EIO). Angie Mishler (Academic Counselors) and Clifton Franklund (Assessment Coordinator).

11 am – 12 noon, Online

There was not a quorum, so the committee took no action.

The committee discussed two items.

1. Process for Revising Ferris Learning Outcomes

The draft process has changes to FLOs that are approved by the University General Education Committee sent to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), whose task it is to determine whether or not Academic Senate approval is necessary. If they choose not to send it to the Academic Senate, the proposal is deemed approved.

The committee discussed a clarification to suggest the intent that the SEC determination should be based on whether or not the proposed change is substantive (i.e., would change which courses are approved or rejected) or not, but that the decision is ultimately the prerogative of the SEC.

2. General Education Assessment Data Use Philosophy

The draft incorporates a comment by the President of the Ferris Faculty Association that student assessment data should not be used to infringe on academic freedom. The committee discussed including a reference to the provision in the collective bargaining contract on academic freedom.