

General Education Committee Minutes: 10/7/2021

Present: Victor Piercey (Director), Monica Frees (RSS), Kathryn Wolfer (Senate Liaison), Mari Kermit-Canfield (FLITE), Katie Kalata (COB), Andrew Peterson (EIO), Paul Zube (FNTFO), Angela Ryan (Academic Counselors), Sheila MacEachron (CHP), and Michele Harvey (CET).

Absent: Rachel Foulk (CASE), Peter Bradley (Interim Assessment Coordinator), and Leonard Johnson (Academic Affairs).

11 am – 12 noon, Zoom

1. Approval of Agenda **Approved Unanimously**
2. Announcements
 - ARTH 290 approved for diversity (global)
 - BIOL 251 and 252 approved for natural science (w/ lab)
 - FLC Update
3. Consent Agenda
 - Minutes from 23 September 2021 **Approved Unanimously**
4. Discussion Items

Further discussion of IB Diplomas based on submitted information.

We are considering the following package for those who earn IB Diplomas:

- Waive ENGL 150 and 250
- Waive the oral communication requirement
- Waive the quantitative literacy requirement
- Waive 4-credits of natural science with lab
- Waive the diversity requirement
- Waive 6 credits of self and society
- Waive 6 credits of culture
- Grant 28 credits (match the credit load waived).

This would leave the 300-level writing requirement, one 3-credit natural science course, one 3-credit culture course, one 3-credit self and society course, and the collaboration and problem solving requirements.

In order to make sure that what is happening in the classroom match what is reported on paper, we are thinking of starting a pilot with just City High graduates, with supervision from the Director of General Education through classroom visits and a review of sample student work.

We would like to assess students' progress at Ferris once admitted under this package. We will look into whether those students can be flagged in banner so we can examine their data. If possible, we could cohort them, and have them take their 300-level English course together, providing a common point of assessment.

One remaining area of concern is the connection between the waivers described above and the course equivalencies offered for IB courses. Concerns include prerequisites and duplication of credits.

Director Piercey will look into these remaining details and prepare a written proposal for our next discussion of this matter.