

General Education Committee Minutes: 11/4/2021

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

Absent: Andrew Peterson (EIO), Katie Kalata (COB), 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. Consent Agenda

- Minutes from 21 October 2021 **Approved with One Abstention**

3. Discussion Items

- IB Diploma Proposal

The UGEC made slight modifications to the proposal by indicating that checksheet requirements would also be made using course equivalencies, and noting that some programs may have to require students who would otherwise have equivalencies may have to take certain courses due to accreditation requirements.

Approved Unanimously

- Results (so far) of Survey About Subcommittee Composition
(**Tip of the Hat to Katie** for suggesting the survey!)

The UGEC discussed the results so far of the subcommittee composition survey. Approximately 41% want to have the subcommittees made up of one representative from each college, while approximately 26% want the subcommittees to remain the way they are. The points most clearly expressed in the comments either indicate that since general education impacts everyone we need to balance all voices versus the need to have expertise on the subcommittees.

The question discussed by UGEC was how much expertise was enough, noting that expertise adds validity but it also brings unconscious bias. In addition, there was some suggestion that there may be alternatives to basing our subcommittee composition and review process on administrative units.

Overall the UGEC is looking to find a better way to balance representation with expertise.