

General Education Committee Minutes: 1/18/2024

Present: Victor Piercey (Director of General Education), Rachel Foulk (CASE), Michele Harvey (Senate Liaison), Monica Frees (RSS), David Scott (FLITE), Andrew Peterson (EIO), Rhonda Bishop (CHP), Angela Ryan (Professional Advisors), and Katherine Wolfer (COB).

Absent: Mandy Seiferlein (Academic Affairs), Jason Kruze (CET), and Kristin Oplinger (Non-Tenure Line)

11 am – 12 noon, Zoom

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Announcements:
 - Gen Ed Director Position Posted!!
3. Consent Agenda
 - Minutes from 30 November 2023
4. Proposals:
 - None
5. Discussions:
 - Proposal to change culture (see attachments)

Question: Can this proposal be accomplished through the curriculum proposal process?

First line of the policy is confusing – the word “course” is confusing. Making this into “competencies” instead.

Concern about making changes to gen ed without sufficient input from more faculty if we follow the existing process. This feels like it is competing policy with curriculum process.

There is a desire to split the proposals for CULT to be split into two proposals to consider them separately. For example, removing the “two-prefix” requirement is a bigger change than removing the “activity” designation.

Possibility: Have all changes in the program go through the curriculum process and approved by Senate, but some changes go to the Board.

Another concern: Can students take all courses for something like CULT through their major or a minor? Is that a problem? We might need more conversation on this question, and especially the removal of the two-prefix process. May need more input.

To summarize:

- We would like to look at the current curriculum process
- We feel that the current policy is vague, and has insufficient faculty input
- We would like to have a conversation with Senate and others for further input on the process
- On the proposal itself, we would like to split them since the deleting the “two prefix” requirement requires more discussion.

Victor will reach out to SEC and UCC to have initial discussions while identifying the current curriculum process.

- Senate input on advisory board

Senate would like approval of bylaws, and consultation through SEC on membership of the advisory board.,

Next Meeting: Thursday February 1, 2024, 11 am, Zoom