

## **General Education Committee Minutes: 2/29/2024**

11 am – 12 noon, Zoom

**Present:** Victor Piercey (Director of General Education), Michele Harvey (Senate Liaison), Angela Ryan (Professional Advisors), Katie Kalata (UAC), Rachel Foulk (CASE), Rhonda Bishop (CHP), Monica Frees (RSS), and Kristin Oplinger (Non-Tenure Line).

**Absent:** Andrew Peterson (EIO), Katherine Wolfer (COB), David Scott (FLITE), Jason Kruze (CET), and Mandy Seiferlein (Academic Affairs).

1. Approval of Agenda

**Approved unanimously**

2. Consent Agenda
  - Minutes from 15 February 2023

**Approved unanimously (with one abstention)**

3. Proposals:
  - None

4. Discussions:

- Proposed Gen Ed Curriculum Process

Motion: The UGEC recommends that the UCC adopt the proposed process for changes to the general education requirements to their next iteration of the UCC manual.

Moved and seconded.

**Approved unanimously.**

- Draft External Advisory Board Bylaws

RSS does not have alumni nor employers. However, integrative studies may be moving into RSS/University College and that may impact representation.

Should UGEC be the authorizer of an advisory board? Do we need an authorizer?

Maybe we can make this less formal. Do we need full bylaws? This feels bigger and more formal than it needs to be. Instead we might consider something more like a purpose statement.

Concern – we set something up that might promote academic affairs. This is supposed to be a shared governance body.

The board is more like a focus group than a committee.

The purpose statement could include guidelines for how this body operates, such as membership and appointments.

Purposes can include ways to solicit support gen ed – make members aware of what we do in gen ed, and could participate in those courses. This also could make alumni and employers aware of other facets of the student body. What is happening in industry that will allow us to make our gen eds more robust for our graduates.

They can also provide perspectives about questions we have had in the past, such as what constitutes communication, what constitutes writing in the discipline, etc.

Next step: revise into a less formal purpose statement and bring back to UGEC for further discussion.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday March 14, 2024, 11 am, Zoom

## **NORMS**

1. Respect
2. Clarity
3. Collaborate
4. Be Present
5. Prepare
6. Know Processes and Ask Questions
7. Equitable Workload
8. Listen Respectfully, Disagree Productively
9. Clear Feedback
10. Recognize Limitations of a Single Course
11. Transparency
12. Responsivity
13. University Mission