

University General Education Committee Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2019
4 p.m.
HCC 111

Present: Nicole Crowder (CAS; chair), Brooke DiLauro (CAS), Lance Gentry (CoB), Chris Musina (CAS; secretary), Kelly Perkins (CAS), Farhang Rouhani (CAS), Debra Schleef (ex officio), Brian Ogle (ex officio), John Morello (ex officio), Tim O'Donnell (ex officio), Rita Dunston (ex officio)

Absent: Marie Sheckels (CoE)

Meeting Began: 4:03 pm

Minutes from Feb 27th, 2019 Meeting
Approved as submitted.

The committee discussed the new proposal outline possibilities and worked on refining what we would put forward. One of the committee members submitted a reorganized version for consideration and conversation. This version was discussed, but at issue was that this model is that it was exactly the same size at the current Gen Ed, and in the survey we had found that most faculty wanted a smaller one.

The committee discussed the possibility of one WI and SI being not an across the curriculum (ATC) course. This would have certain issues, and the committee decided not to move forward with this. The committee also discussed the issues with implementing a Sophomore Seminar a year from now. The committee looked at different issues and options, as relating to WI or SI, etc.
Deciding to recommend the Sophomore Seminar, to eventually replace a WI.

The committee then went on to further discuss career readiness. The committee decided to list this as experience instead of as a course, in that it applies more broadly to the suggested options.

We felt we should call it something other than career readiness. While this terminology is good marketing, many faculty members felt that if we have this it needs to be called something else.

The committee discussed a few options and went with "After Mary Washington."

The committee discussed renaming WI and SI, as well as how the WI and SI in the major would work. Regarding the WI/SI in the major, we focused on some of the issues that may arise, how it would work for maybe a double major or a student changes majors.

The committee then further discussed the Sophomore Seminar, and the possibility of recommending a Sophomore or Junior Seminar at the 300 level. The committee asked

about courses that currently exist that would work toward that, and discussed a rationale for the recommendation.

The committee then delegated new rationales to members, reflecting the latest edit. We also discussed the overall rationale for the revision, the three categories, etc. We also came up with a universal formatting for our submissions, and a deadline to submit (Monday, March 18th.)

Meeting Adjourned: 5:49