

University General Education Committee Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2019
3:30 p.m.
HCC 111

Present: Nicole Crowder (CAS; chair), Kelly Perkins (CAS), Farhang Rouhani (CAS), Michael Reno (CAS), Courtney Clayton (COE), John Marsh (COB); John Morello (ex officio), Debra Schleef (ex officio), Tim O'Donnell (ex officio), Brian Ogle (ex officio), Rita Dunston (ex officio)

Not Present: Brooke DiLauro (CAS)

Meeting began at 3:33pm.

1. Minutes from November 6, 2019
Minutes were approved.
2. The committee reviewed course proposals
 - a. Beyond the Classroom – which had no working group
 - i. ANTH 321 – Has addressed CE learning outcomes but came to BtC. Should be considered by CE.
 - ii. FINC 411 & 412 – The courses are pending approval by UCC. These courses involve students managing endowment money. This would meet the spirit of post-graduation plans and the committee voted these should be approved for BtC.
 - iii. MGMT 345/PSYC 385 – Proposal has applied for both BtC and AMW, should a course be able to count as either for a student. The committee considered precedent of a course counting towards either category and was ok with particular emphasis to the addressing of the learning outcomes for each category. The committee voted that the course should not count as BtC because the organization project was directed more towards the learning of the course material (OB) in a course project (albeit a self-directed one).
 - iv. SOCG 354 – Sent to CE, but now applying for BtC. But still has CE learning outcomes. Should either be revised for BtC or considered by CE committee.
 - b. Arts & Literature
 - i. EDUC 311 – This course is intended to cover arts & literature for education majors. The committee agreed that as a 300 level course, it should not be gen ed, but if the course number were changed to a lower level at a later date it might reconsider.
 - c. 300 level courses
 - i. The committee discussed the bigger issue of 300 level “methods of investigation” courses. MOI is intended to be

accessible to students from a variety of disciplines. 300 level courses per the catalogue are intended to be specialized. The committee voted to allow only 100 and 200 level courses to be approved as MOI.

- d. Quantitative Reasoning
 - i. BIOL 262, CPSC 284, GEOG 252, and PSYC 360A all have course prerequisites. The committee discussed whether prerequisites should disqualify a course from counting as a MOI. The committee voted that prerequisites should not immediately disqualify a course from MOI.
- e. Overall balance
 - i. The committee discussed the overall breadth and balance of the courses across the different gen ed categories.
 - ii. The committee noted there are relatively few AMW courses applied & approved.
 - iii. The committee discussed whether a course could apply to more than one MOI category.
- f. List of entire courses as reviewed by the category workgroups
 - i. The committee voted to approve the courses that the workgroups approved.
- g. The committee decided to solicit rationales from each workgroup as to why some courses were denied.
 - i. The committee discussed what to say regarding rejected proposals.
 - 1. Some proposals were rejected on the grounds of being 300/400 level. These proposal will not be able to resubmit.
 - 2. Some proposals were rejected on the grounds that the course content did not meet the leaning goals. These proposals will not be able to resubmit.
 - 3. Some proposals were rejected on the grounds of an inadequately prepared proposal will be asked to resubmit.

- 3. Upcoming meetings:
 - 12/4 – UFC meeting – approval of course designations

The meeting adjourned at 5:28pm.