

University General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2021

4:15p

Virtual Meeting conducted via Zoom

Present: Robert Rycroft (CAS, chair), Christy Irish (COE), Leslie Martin (CAS), Michael Reno (CAS), Debra Schleaf (ex officio), Marc Williams (CAS, secretary)

1. Meeting began at 4:16p
2. Rita Dunston, Registrar, and Brian Ogle, Associate Registrar, were in attendance.
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. Minutes from October 13, 2021 meeting approved as submitted.
4. Discussion of ex officio membership.
 1. Robert Rycroft will communicate with UFOC to clarify the General Education Committee's membership.
5. John Marsh, Associate Dean of the College of Business, spoke with the committee about a special order of business related to transferring general education courses. While Methods of Investigation courses generally transfer to UMW from Virginia community colleges, courses with the Connections designation do not generally transfer. Dr. Marsh asked the committee to consider the possibility of permitting transfer courses to satisfy the Connections requirement at UMW. The committee discussed the possibilities and logistics surrounding this issue. The committee's current practice is to review transfer courses on a case-by-case basis through student appeals.
 - a. This conversation led the committee to questions about the rationale for transfer and course numbering policies that may have been discussed during the General Education revision process. The committee will invite Dr. Nicole Crowder to brief the committee on the the general education revision process.
6. Old Business
 - a. The committee discussed a previous 3+4 articulation agreement with the Pharmacy program at Shenandoah University. The committee reviewed the syllabi and agreed to approve Shenandoah University's PHAR 500 for the After Mary Washington designation.

- b. The committee reviewed a draft syllabus from Music for a choral ensemble and discussed possible avenues for a music ensemble to be approved for a general education designation.
 - i. Robert Rycroft will provide the committee's feedback to Brooks Kuykendall.
- 7. Request for clarification
 - a. Miriam Liss submitted a request for clarification regarding Writing and Speaking Intensive requirements for students with two majors. Because students are required to have a WI and SI course within their major, current practice requires double-majors to complete an additional WI and SI course within the second major. The committee discussed the intention behind this requirement and agreed a faculty member could formally propose a change to this requirement.
 - i. The committee will request input from Dr. Nicole Crowder regarding the original intention for this requirement.
- 8. The committee reviewed course proposals
 - a. Community Engagement
 - i. IDIS XXX, Be the Change. The committee approved this proposal as submitted.
 - b. After Mary Washington
 - i. HIST 330, Introduction to Public History. The committee approved this proposal as submitted.
 - c. Global and Diverse Perspectives
 - i. MKTG 460, International Marketing. The committee approved this proposal as submitted.
 - ii. MKTG 450, Consumer Behavior. The committee requests revisions to this proposal reflecting how the assignments connect to the learning outcomes.
 - e. Arts and Literature
 - i. MUHL, History of Jazz. The committee requests revisions to this proposal reflecting how the assignments connect to the learning outcomes.
- 9. The committee discussed student reevaluation requests for General Education credit
 - a. Proposal 1. The committee did not approve this request.
 - b. Proposal 2. The committee did not approve this request.

- c. Proposal 3. The committee approved this request.
- 10. The meeting adjourned at 5:55p. The next Gen Ed committee meeting will be Jan. 26, 2021 at 4:15p.