

University General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2022

4:00p

Virtual Meeting conducted via Zoom

1. Meeting began at 4:02
2. Present: Michael Reno (CAS), Bob Rycroft (CAS), Kelly Perkins (CAS), Marc Williams (CAS - Chair), Leslie Martin (CAS - Secretary), Melissa Yakabouski (ex-officio), Debra Schleef (ex-officio), Brian Ogle (ex-officio)
3. Meeting schedule and UFC deadlines.
 - A. Group will try to meet in person, but with ability to host zoomed in members, as needed.
 - B. Meeting dates/times for 2022-23: 4:00p on Oct. 5, Nov. 9, Dec. 1, Feb. 1, March 8, March 29.
 - C. Approval of minutes timeline. Minutes due to UFC 5 days after scheduled Gen Ed Committee meeting. Secretary will circulate draft via email, committee will suggest corrections and approve via email.
4. Old business
 - A. Foundations course numbers. Our practice of only approving Foundations courses at 100-200 level is to keep us compliance with SACS practices.
 - B. Question from Summer regarding the transfer of Connections courses. Raised by COB 2+2 articulation agreement with Germanna; interest in designating a specific VCCS course as meeting AMW. This would be counter to the general approach of not transferring in Connections credits en masse, rather only by individual student appeals, to ensure that the course the student took meets the designation SLOs. There is no decision to make right now, but we may get a proposal this year.
5. General Education Assessment Plan 2022-23. Debra Schleef reviewed the plan for the upcoming year and the reasoning behind selection of specific courses for selection (to include size of class and to review outcomes from a range of disciplines/courses).
Motion: **The committee approves the assessment plan.**
6. Review of course proposals.
 - A. Diverse and Global Perspectives
 - i. PSYC 320, Psychology of Exceptional Children & Youth: The committee **approved this proposal as submitted.**

- ii. PSYC 349: Psychology of Human Sexuality: The committee **approved this proposal as submitted.**
 - B. Beyond the Classroom
 - i. SPAN 415: Advanced Conversation: There is concern that the reflection component may not meet SLOs without further definition. Revision is requested with further details of the reflective prompts, encouraging prompts that connect directly with SLOs.
 - C. After Mary Washington
 - i. BUAD 350, Business Communication: The committee **approved this proposal** as submitted.
7. Student Requests for Re-Evaluation for General Education.
- A. Clarifying conversation about the flow of these applications: Brian Ogle clarified the process from the Registrar's office: transfer courses with approved equivalency do not need departmental review, and if the course has Foundations or Methods designation it will be automatically applied. Connections credit must be appealed to us. Courses without established equivalence will go to the department for determination of equivalence, and may also come to Gen Ed committee.
 - B. Proposal #1: The committee approved this request.
 - C. Proposal #2: The committee tabled this request.
 - D. Proposal #3: The committee did not approve this request.
 - E. Proposal #4: This request was rendered moot due to transfer equivalency as determined by department chair.
 - F. Proposal #5: The committee did not approve the request as written. Marc Williams will provide the student with feedback
8. The meeting adjourned at 5:20p. The next Gen Ed committee meeting will be October 5, 4pm.