

University General Education Committee
Minutes
March 29, 2023
DuPont 324, and via Zoom

1. Call to order 4:05pm.
2. Present: Marc Williams (CAS - Chair), Leslie Martin (CAS - Secretary), Robert Rycroft (CAS), Michael Reno (CAS), Debra Schlee (ex-officio), Brian Ogle (ex-officio)
3. Review of course proposals.
 - a. Diverse and Global Perspectives:
 - i. MKTG 370, Ecotourism: **The committee approved the proposal as submitted.** (All 4 SLOs)
 - b. After Mary Washington
 - i. ARTH 470, Seminar: Special Studies in Art History: **The committee approved this proposal with friendly edits to add an intended instructor, and to refer to all ARTH 470 sections.**
4. Requests for Re-evaluation
 - a. Proposal #1: Natural Science: Discussion about approvability of a course with an online lab for NS. Proposal is tabled for future conversation.
5. Continued discussion of the proposed gen ed assessment reporting process.

Debra provided a revised proposed process and timeline. She proposes that each category be assessed for 2 consecutive years. The IAE office will then analyze that data and produce a report for Gen Ed, and departments teaching in that gen ed category.

Where there are gaps or deficiencies in the data, those departments will be asked to develop a plan to address the gap (or to better understand the gap). This plan will be communicated to IAE and gen ed.

Debra proposes to assess 3 gen ed categories each year. This will lead to essentially a 4 year assessment cycle

Some of the categories will assess every year, either by choice (Modern Language, FSEM, maybe NS), others because of QEP (AMW).

This proposal should reduce assessment workload for all, and should also give departments enough data to draw some conclusions.

Next steps: Debra will see if timeline melds with SCHEV timeline, will discuss the proposed approach with the Provost and other stakeholders. Gen Ed will revisit the issue in the Fall, with the goal of putting a strong proposal forward to UFC in Fall.

Debra also put together a list of gen ed courses that have been rarely offered. This will also be put on the Fall agenda, to ensure that the list effectively reflects what we are teaching.

Adjournment, 4:45pm
Next meeting: Fall 2023