

University of Mary Washington

FSEM Committee

November 1st, 2024 Regular Meeting

Time and Location: 3-4pm, DuPont324

In attendance:

2024-2025 FSEM Committee

- 2025 Bridgette Dennett, Chair (Assistant Professor, CAS)
- 2025 Marcus Leppanen, Secretary (Assistant Professor, CAS)
- 2025 Virginia Mackintosh (Associate Professor, CAS)
- 2026 Gary Richards (Professor, CAS)
- 2027 Ginny Morriss (Assistant Professor, CAS)

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

- April Wynn, Director of the First-Year Experience

Guest Member (Non-voting role)

- October Edwards, Research and Instruction Librarian

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm

I. Old Business:

- a. Updates to UFC Motion
 - i. UFC approved motion to allow for emergency course approvals to be given by the Executive Committee in a December meeting
- b. Update from UFOC re: Committee Structure
 - i. No movement on this yet. Have continued to communicate committee's preference to remain distinct from General Education Committee and to maintain 5-member structure
- c. Updates on FYE (First-year Experience) Redesign Discussion
 - i. The first meeting of this committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th at 3:00pm in HCC 130
 1. Relevant to this committee because all members are part of FYE Redesign
 - ii. The committee will be generating a SWOT analysis and attempting to schedule Spring semester meetings.

II. New Business:

- a. FSEM Proposal review
 - i. The committee discussed comments made on the online voting form and the following decisions were made following group discussion
 1. Two add instructor requests for Thriving in College - Accept-as-is
 - a. Commented that feedback timeline may need to be updated

2. The Science of Sleep: Sleep Deprivation and College Life – Accept with minimal revisions
 - a. The committee provided feedback that the old module structure is being used and that more information is needed for descriptions of assignments
3. History of Fredericksburg – Accept with minimal revisions
 - a. The committee provided feedback that the old module structure is being used and that students need to be aware of potential costs for visiting historical sites
4. Shakespeare Myths and Mysteries – Accept with minimal revisions
 - a. The committee provided feedback that the old module structure is being used, that students need to be aware of potential conflicts to complete the required theater visits, and that instructor could request money from FSEM program to support the proposed field trip
 - b. Some concern was expressed about framing the topic of the course in a way that is inconsistent with the field of study
5. The Psychology of Being a Gamer – Accept-as-is
 - a. Clarification needed on grading of one assignment
6. Is ADHD a superpower? – Accept with minimal revisions
 - a. The committee provided feedback that the old module structure is being used, that there needs to be more information on assignment expectations, and that the timing of campus visits may benefit from updating
7. Globalization and Multinational Enterprises – Accept with revisions
 - a. The committee will request to see this proposal again
 - b. The committee provided feedback that the language of syllabus may be too discipline specific for first year students, that there needs to be more detail provided in the calendar, that there needs to be more detail provided on assignments, and that the timing of campus benefits may benefit from updating
8. Theatre and Spectacle – Accept as is
 - a. The committee provided feedback that the instructor should remember to request funds from the FSEM program to support the proposed field trip
 - ii. There are potentially two late proposals to keep an eye out on.
 1. The chair is providing a reminder to those faculty to have submissions turned in by Monday, November 4th
 - b. Need to set spring meeting time
 - i. Doodle poll will be distributed to the committee
 - ii. Responses are requested by 5:00pm on Monday, November 4th

- III. Upcoming Meetings:
- a. Dec 6th @ 3-4pm

Meeting Adjourned at 3:55pm