

General Education Committee Minutes
February 11, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
COMBS 348 and [Zoom](#)

Present: Paul Fallon (chair), Suzie Kim (secretary), Leanna Giancarlo, Alan Griffin, Angela Pitts, Debra Schleef (Ex Officio), Brian Ogle (EX Officio)

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.
2. Update on Motion to UFC on SLOs in CIM: UFC approved the motion, and it takes immediate effect. Dr. Kevin Caffrey updated CourseLeaf accordingly.
3. AMW Proposed Updates

Alexandra Dunn, QEP Faculty Co-Director for the Life After Mary Washington QEP, contacted Paul to request that the General Education Committee review the proposed changes to the AMW requirements.

After reviewing the proposal, the GenEd Committee determined that it has no philosophical objections to revising the SLOs. However, members would like to make sure that the rationale and implications are clearly articulated before moving forward and do not wish to rush the process. As a next step, the committee recommends a meeting between Alexandra Dunn and the GenEd Committee.

The committee requested clarification regarding the proposed changes. Two additional SLOs appear to have been added, yet no clear rationale has been provided for expanding them from three to five, and some of the proposed objectives do not align with the previous SLOs. Members asked for additional time to review the revisions and recommended a more comprehensive discussion before proceeding, particularly if the changes would affect the catalog or require implementation beginning in Fall 2026.

The committee would also like to see a more fully developed proposal that includes a clear explanation of the rationale; a summary of the feedback gathered from AMW faculty focus groups, including when they met and what conclusions were drawn; clarification as to whether AMW SLOs are expected to change; and a side-by-side comparison of the current and proposed SLOs. In addition, members requested clarification of the reference to “LAMW competencies” in number 4 of the proposed SLOs, particularly in relation to the ten core competencies listed on the [QEP webpage](#) as well as clarification regarding the anticipated timeline for implementation.

Finally, the committee raised questions about the emphasis on “Building your network,” specifically the expectation of creating structured networking opportunities in class through guest speakers. If such activities are required, members would like clarification

regarding available funding and whether departments will have sufficient resources in place to support them.

The committee also noted the logistical implications for faculty who would be expected to update their SLOs beginning in Fall 2026 should the proposal be approved.

4. Courses

4.1 CYBR 461 Cyber Certificate Studies for **BTC**

The Gen Ed Committee decided to return the proposal and request a revised resubmission. Members asked that the revised proposal include greater clarity and specificity, particularly with regard to how class assignments align with the stated SLOs. They would like to see concrete examples of assignments, either within the proposal or in the sample syllabus, in order to demonstrate clarity of purpose and alignment. In addition, members asked for a clearer description of the nature of BTC assignments students will complete by including sample assignments and a tentative course schedule.

5. Requests for Re-evaluation

(The course titles listed reflect the original course numbers from the transferring institutions.)

5.1 NOVA ENV121: Gen. Environmental Science as **NSL** (submitted 1/20/26)

The Gen Ed Committee members approved unanimously.

5.2 CWU BUS 102: Business Computer Skills as **DI** (submitted 2/5/26)

The Gen Ed Committee unanimously denied the DI request. The committee determined that the proposal lacks sufficient detail and depth. Members noted that the student must include specific, detailed responses to each of the committee's questions. Since the course does not meet the criteria for DI at UMW, the committee will not reconsider it, even if the proposal is revised.

5.3 Flagler College COR 181JF: How to Citizen as **DGP** (submitted 2/9/26)

The Gen Ed Committee members approved unanimously.

6. Old Business

6.1. Possible samples for NSL

The committee agreed to use the proposal for ENV121: General Environmental Science as a sample for NSL. The Chair will contact the student to obtain consent, remove any personally identifiable information, and post the PDF under Committee Forms on the [University General Education Committee website](#), along with the DGP sample that the committee members approved in the last meeting on January 12, 2026.

7. Other Business

None

8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 11, 2026 at 4 pm, in Combs 348

7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.

[Minutes approved electronically by the Committee on February 12, 2026]