

GE Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2023

I. Call to order

Heather Holland called to order the GE Committee at 4:00 p.m. January 30, 2023. The following were present: Lindsay Chaney, Michael Olsen, Trent Fawcett, Nick Marsing, Lorie Hughes, Anthony Beal and Ryan Thalman. Alex Snyder via Teams.

II. Minutes

Lorie motions; Michael seconds. Unanimous vote to approve minutes from 11/28/23 and 12/12/23

III. Innovations Academy

A. Innovations Academy will have a GE focus and discuss relevance. The goal is to change the message across campus about GE. Committee members are asked to be thinking about this.

IV. Helping students and faculty understand GE

A. AP Chaney has put in a request to make a video about GE. This idea comes from SLCC.

B. Nick Marsing will spearhead the meeting.

V. Foundations focus groups

A. Chair Holland will have questions by the next GE meeting or she will email questions for the committee to review.

VI. Tasks to complete this semester

A. The GE website needs to be updated with accurate information. Michael Olson agrees to do this for the committee.

B. The GE constitution needs clarity on several issues.

1. How many members constitute a majority for voting?

a. Nick motions; Lorie seconds. Unanimous vote to copy and paste what the Curriculum Committee has in their constitution for majority voting.

b. Michael will make the changes.

2. How many at-large members should the committee have? Term limits?
 - a. There are currently two at-large positions for Ephraim and 1 for Richfield. The website is incorrect.
 - b. The committee reviews the document from Sept. 19, 2022.
 - c. Discussion on wording that committee can vote a member off after their first term. At-large positions are a campus wide vote not the vote of the committee or one division. There could be concerns if a faculty member was elected by campus what right does the GE Committee have to deprive that person of elected power.
 - d. Could clarify that the committee can vote a member off for inability to complete tasks required by the GE Committee. Vote would need to be ratified by the Curriculum Committee.
 - e. There needs to be transparency.
 - f. It could be modified that any member can be removed.
 - g. The decision for the committee to retain or dismiss a member was put in the document because of length of terms and to keep continuity on the committee.
 - h. What if the at-large positions were longer terms?
 - i. The verbiage as stated seem punitive. It could be changed to say a vote to retain.

C. Decide if the GE Committee should be a committee independent of Faculty Senate

1. At most schools the GE Committee is independent.
2. It would provide a more direct line to senate.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Minutes submitted by: Amy Noblett