

GE Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2023

I. Call to order

Heather Holland called to order the GE Committee at 4:00 p.m. March 27, 2023. The following were present: Lindsay Chaney, Michael Olsen, Trent Fawcett, Kristi Stevens, Lorie Hughes, and Anthony Beal. Ryan Thalman, Andy Nogasky and Landon Peterson via Teams.

II. Minutes

Anthony motions; Kristi seconds. Unanimous vote to approve minutes from 3/13/23.

III. GE Constitution

A. Discussion on clarifying even/odd terms. Chair Holland will make certain all committee members are in the correct column.

B. Brian Stucki will replace Kristi on the committee.

C. Discussion on if the committee wants the Senate representative in the constitution. The committee decides to revisit the Senate rep. and approve as is.

D. Michael motions; Lorie seconds. Unanimous vote to approve the GE Constitution as outlined and revisit the Senate discussion at a later date.

IV. Senate update

A. AP Chaney asks what Senate decided about accountability for committee members. This was a concern that Curriculum Committee asked Senate to weigh in on.

B. Trent reports there was not a consensus in Senate. There was a discussion on tracking committee involvement through the A&T process but that could be too much for the committee. The idea was floated that committee chairs could weigh in for A&T reviews but it was decided that would be too much on committee chairs.

C. AP Chaney explains at her husband's institution they use an institution document for accountability. Some of the GE Committee feel this would just add another step of paperwork and faculty want less bureaucracy.

D. The GE Constitution states if a committee member isn't carrying their weight they are not retained but it only states this for at-large members.

E. The workload for GE and Curriculum Committee can be discouraging to faculty. It can hurt morale. There can be a prevailing idea of why should I try if no one else does.

F. Academic Affairs or Senate could write letters. Is that what the committee envisioned as part of the senate representatives role? Instead of being a voting member the senate representative could make certain committee members are doing their job.

G. Giving committee members specific responsibilities could help. Some members might not be involved because they don't have assignments or know their responsibilities.

H. Could there be committee MOUs?

I. AP Chaney asks the committee members to email her how many hours they spend each week doing committee work.

V. Student appeal

A. This student is appealing to have their physical science GE requirement waived.

B. The student graduated from WWCC, which is an Interstate Passport school, but they were not awarded the Interstate Passport because they are short on the required courses. That is why the GE requirements were not waived upon transfer.

C. Discussion on when the student will graduate. Is this student eligible to graduate spring and is this requirement holding them back. They appear to be registered for fall semester and are currently a junior, which would give the student time to complete the physical science requirement.

D. AP Chaney will follow-up with Vance Larsen and Alex Snyder to see when the student is scheduled to graduate.

E. Kristi motions; Lorie seconds. Motion to approve the appeal to waive the physical science GE requirement if the student is graduating this year. If the student is a junior the appeal would be denied since they have another year to complete the required physical science GE course. Motion passes with a majority vote. Michael abstains.

VI. R470

A. The conversation has continued at the State level regarding wanting to keep the GE requirements uniform throughout institutions. Institutions want autonomy.

B. AP Chaney reports the GE Task Force is now sitting at 27-30 GE requirements but that could change if the Board insists on one number.

C. AP Chaney states labs are going to be tricky. Some labs could be considered co-requisites but only if they are deemed essential. Snow will need to audit all labs.

D. AP Chaney suggests the committee look at what GE courses are being offered at Snow College. A dashboard for GE could be helpful. Snow also needs to rebrand the GE program.

E. Chair Holland wants to talk more about this and make certain Snow is teaching the right courses.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Minutes submitted by: Amy Noblett