

# ***GE Meeting Minutes***

September 12, 2022

## **I. Call to order**

Lorie Hughes called to order the GE Committee at 4:00 p.m. September 12, 2022. The following were present: Lindsay Chaney, Heather Holland, Michael Olsen, Kristi Stevens, Nick Marsing and Andrew Nogasky. Ryan Thalman, Anthony Beal, Alex Snyder and Landon Peterson via Zoom.

## **II. Approval of minutes**

Anthony motions; Heather seconds. Unanimous vote to approve minutes from 4/25/22.

## **III. Welcome and Calendar**

**A.** Heather Holland is the new GE rep. from Humanities. She was previously an at-large member so her position will need to be filled. Her term on the committee starts now.

**B.** Andrew Bahlmann is the senate rep. at the meeting today. Senate meets this week and will determine who will be the senate rep. for GE this year.

**C.** What is an Educated Persons Conference will be held Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. GE members are asked to save the dates and attend. Working group leaders will be needed for the conference and will be appointed by Academic Affairs and GE. AP Chaney will have more details as they become available.

## **IV. Committee Business**

**A.** GE Chair election. Those eligible are: Andy, Anthony, Heather, Nick, Lorie and Ryan.

**1.** Lorie nominate Heather Holland; Michael seconds. Unanimous vote Heather Holland will chair the GE Committee.

**B.** Since there is an at-large position vacated by Heather there will need to be a campus wide election.

**1.** Discussion on whether the committee wants to restructure the committee's make-up. They are hesitant with R470s happening this year. Also, there is still the discussion of senate having a voting representative on the committee. The committee can replace the at-large position now or go with what they have (Lorie and Ryan as at-large).

**2.** The committee decides to hold an election for an Ephraim at-large rep. then change if needed when Lorie's term expires.

**3.** Senate will run the election.

### C. GE Task Force update

1. AP Chaney gives an update from the GE Task Force.
2. Transferability is part of the R470 discussion. The task force wants to make certain students are not being held back to transfer if they did not complete all of their GE from one institution. Receiving institutions would count partial GE credit. Institutional requirements will be more flexible.
3. There was less talk in the meeting about individual GE areas. Discussion was honoring attributes even if they do not align course for course.

### V. GE waiver

- A. Alex presents a Foundations waiver request. The student transferred with 48.99 credits. The student has Math and Foundations left and they are taking Math in the spring. They would like the Foundations requirement waived.
- B. Discussion on if outcomes from previous institution meet Foundation requirements.
- C. This is a non-traditional student.
- D. Andy motions; Nick seconds. Unanimous vote to approve the Foundations waiver.
- E. The committee does not want to develop a policy for these types of waivers but instead want to review them on a case by case basis.

### VI. Communications substitution

- A. Alex presents a communication substitution request. The student wants to earn the Certificate of Proficiency in Communication and wants to substitute a communications class they previously completed.
- B. Alex will talk to the communications department chair.

### VII. Foundations

- A. Discussion on Foundations courses. There are concerns with rigor being unequal and student complaints.
- B. The committee would like student evaluations from Foundation courses and perhaps input from students through focus groups.
- C. Committee would also like to look at courses at other institutions.
- D. The GE Committee will work this year on assessing Foundation courses.

**VIII. Report from Curriculum Committee**

- A. Kristi reports the Curriculum Committee will be offering workshops this year for divisions. These workshops will help faculty work on syllabi so they know the process, what they need to do, and can walk away with a completed syllabi.
  
- B. The Curriculum Committee would like the Curriculum Committee reps to attend, the department chairs, deans and GE Committee representatives.
  
- C. The goal in this is to create a streamlined and more consistent syllabus process.

**IX. Adjournment**

Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m. Minutes submitted by: Amy Noblett