MINUTES OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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**HML 4115 (Haak conference room)**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Communications and Announcements

4. Old Business

a. CE-161 (3/21/19)

b. CE-180A (3/21/19)

c. SOC-158 (3/27/19)

d. MUSIC-4A (8/16/18)

e. MUSIC – 161A (8/16/18)

f. MUSIC – 161B (8/16/18)

g. GE Area B4 Transfer Credit

5. New Business

a. GE Themes and Course Designation to Themes

b. GE Queries

c. ASI Student Representative

6. New Course Proposals

a. ECE-118 (5/1/19, held for Fall 2019)

b. ARTH12

7. Adjournment

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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| **Member** | **College** | **Notes / Attendance** |
| Devendra Sharma | CAH | X |
| Aaron Schuelke | CAH | X |
| Yertai Tanai | CSB | X |
| Steven Payne | CSM | X |
| Michael Bishop | CSM | X |
| Chadley James **(Chair)** | COSS | X |
| Lynn Williams | JCAST | X |
| Yushin Ahn | LCOE |  |
| Christina Luna | KSOEHD | X |
| Erica Lassen, Guest | Articulation | X |
| Chris Beck | ASI Student Rep | X |
| Kathy Dunbar | Student Affairs | X |
| Bernadette Muscat | Undergraduate Studies | X |
| Melissa Jordine, Guest | University assessment | X |

GE Committee Meeting:

Introduction of all members of the committee. The committee voted to approve the agenda unanimously. The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

Communications -- Update on the GE Program Portofolio -- transition from Pathbrite to Canvas and all students will now submit assignments directly to GE Program Portfolio in Canvas beginning in Fall 2019.

Old Business:

Update -- Civil Engineering courses submitted last year did not meet requirements for GE ARea so the Dean, Associate Dean, and Engineering faculty are meeting with Dr. Fu, Chadley James, and Melissa in order to discuss status (regular GE or substitutions) and then proposals will come back to committee.

Sociology 158 still needs to be reviewed because Chadley did not review it due to birth of his daughter. Lynn and Chadley will review Soc 158 and it will be discussed at next meeting.

Music is in the process of redesigning their major and the submissions that they sent forward were not entirely straightforward, there is a proposal for both GE courses or for waivers. The corrections/suggestions were sent back to Music but faculty has not responded. Chadley plans to set up a meeting to clarify and to obtain more information about these proposals/courses before they are reviewed again. Chadley will have this meeting before assigning faculty to review it again.

GE B4 Area Transfer Credit-- Erica -- Backstory: with implementation EO 1110 it is no longer required to have a stated prerequisite of Intermediate Algebra in order for a course to be used to clear GE Area B4. The Lead of Transfer credit presented to this committee and asked for new guidelines for using courses from private institutions and out of state institution to clear GE Area B4. The committee discussed possible options. Erica proposed using whatever course the originating institution uses to clear their Quantitative Reasoning requirement. In response, Chadley asked Erica to research what other institutions use to clear this requirement. Erica did this research and presented to the committee.

A proposal followed “ Fresno State transfer credit should use any domestic course that meets the Quantitative Reasoning requirement at the sending institution, provided it is regionally accredited, to fulfill the GE Area B4 requirement at Fresno State. These courses may originate in any of the disciplines outlinted in EO 1100 revised: “traditional mathematics...computer science, personal finance, statistics or discipline-based mathematics or quantitative reasoning courses.” This would also include mathematics courses preparing future elementary school teachers (Guiding Notes for General Education Course Reviews, 2018).”

The committee met and discussed the proposal. The language was approved by the committee in spring 2019, but it has not received a final approval from Dr. Fu. Chadley will reach out to Dr. Fu and Dr. Muscat to inquire if the proposal can be approved.

Last year the rubrics that were used to evaluate proposals were extensively significantly revised last year. These should be reviewed by committee members and then approved and implemented.

New Business:

GE Themes -- Sent out a survey to Department Chairs asking them to provide information on which courses they offer would align with which themes. The idea is to introduce theme based GE courses and tracks. The colleges that are GE intensive responded and other colleges/schools did not. Chadley would like to send out survey and information again and also will bring data from survey and present it at next meeting. The committee will review and discuss the theme based tracks again.

GE Queries about the writing requirement for lower-division and upper-divisions both word counts and the length of the iterative assignments. Some faculty have confused the GE Program Portfolio requirement with the writing requirement. Faculty also asked about the writing requirement and requested that the committee revisit the length of writing assignments and iterative assignments. Chadley has asked that Bernadette send out a message to clarify that any questions or concerns about the GE writing requirement should be addressed directly to the GE Chair and not to the Director of Assessment. Lynn did state that the size of the GE course does have an impact on workload but that this is a class size issue and should not necessarily lead to a revision or reduction of the writing requirement as required by GE policy. Chadley emphasized the value of writing and the need for students to write well and having a writing requirement in GE enables students to constantly engage in writing. After a brief further discussion, the committee moved and voted unanimously that the Committee will not revisit the writing requirement for GE courses at this time until or unless a formal request is made for the committee to consider lowering this requirements.

ASI student representative for the GE Committee. ASI reached out to ask if the GE Committee had a student representative and Chris Beck is still serving but a second student would be a great addition and two students are able to serve on the GE Committee.

New Course Proposals:

Electrical and Civil Engineering, ECE 118 needs reviewed and was held over from Spring 2019. This proposal will be held until after the meeting with Engineering next Wednesday and then proceed.

ARTH 12 -- Art History and the two reviewers will be Chadley James and Aaron Schuelke and presented at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.