

**General Education Committee  
MINUTES  
April 9, 2018  
9:30am, Building 1A-Room 406**

**General Education Committee:** C. Lavender (Chair), J. Alexander (Engineering Science & Physics), D. Allen (Curriculum & Instruction), G. Fellner (Educational Studies), R. Gates (Media Culture), O. Goner (Sociology/Anthropology), M. Paris (Political Science & Global Affairs), S. Mee (Nursing), K. Raja (Chemistry), R. Powers (History), L. Manne (Biology), L. Yetnikoff (Psychology), C. Ferrari (World Languages & Literatures), G. Fuchs (Mathematics), A. Bardsley (English), X. Dong (Management), G. Vachadze (Economics), S. Morris (Philosophy), X. Zhang (Computer Science)

**Staff:** M. Anderson (Director of Assessment), S. Shepardson (CAAS), M. D'Alessandro (CSI/St. George), D. Scimeca (Core 100), R. Peetz (Associate Provost)

**Guest:** K. Gold (Dean, School of Education), S. Holak (Dean, School of Business), J. Marcus-Delgado (Political Science & Global Affairs, and on behalf of G. Milligan), S. Zelikovitz (Computer Science and CCCRC representative), C. Craddock (Verrazano School)

**Excused:** G. Reichard (Provost), V. Incera (Dean, Science & Technology), G. Milligan (Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences), M. Tye (Dean, School of Health Sciences), H. Kim (Accounting & Finance), P. Gross (Social Work), N. Guo (Marketing), A. Leykam (Library), S. Wilson (Performing & Creative Arts), V. DiMeglio (Curriculum), M. Nashed (Student Representative)

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1. S. Zelikovitz and J. Marcus-Delgado, CSI's CCCRC Committee representatives, were present. S. Zelikovitz gave a presentation about the CCCRC general education course review and approval process. A print-out of her PowerPoint is appended to the minutes.
2. *S. Morris made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 5th meeting. S. Mee seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved, with a correction to Item #6 (proposal for changes to existing courses were approved, but with only one abstention from A. Bardsley).*
3. J. Marcus-Delgado requested moving discussion of the proposal from the Associate Degree Committee to change the existing requirements for the Liberal Arts AA (Item 6A) ahead of discussion on the General Education objectives for co-requisite science labs (Item 4). *L. Manne made a motion to approve the agenda for April 9th. J. Marcus-Delgado seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved, with the requested change.*
4. General Education Items for Pre-Approval Contingent on UCC Approval on April 13<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Proposal from the Associate Degree Committee for change in existing degree requirements: Liberal Arts (AA)
    - i. The committee recommended that the proposal be brought into line with the College Option, to wit: Inclusion of the 2 1-credit Science labs  
Inclusion of the second-level language course  
Inclusion of 4 credits dedicated to Contemporary World or Pluralism & Diversity
    - ii. The committee requested that the proposal include a transparent indication of its origins in a faculty committee, department, or program, as through the naming of a "Faculty Advisory Committee" (or other language

which reflects the College's mandate that curriculum belongs to faculty) to the proposal title, along with an introduction explaining who was involved.

- iii. *M. Paris made a motion to approve the proposal with these changes. L. Manne seconded the motion. The committee approved the proposal unanimously with the requested revisions.*

5. General Education objectives for science labs co-requisite with Life and Physical Science and Scientific World.

These objectives were previously reviewed and approved by all of the science departments. Item d in both sets of objectives was updated to read, "Place their research in the context of the physical, scientific, and natural world." *J. Alexander made a motion to approve the proposal. L. Manne seconded the motion. The committee approved the proposal unanimously with the indicated change.*

6. General Education Items

a. Proposal from the Department of Chemistry for:

- i. Request to restrict courses used to fulfill RMQR, RLPR, and FSWR, and include note in College Option: Chemistry BS

b. Proposal from the Department of Chemistry and Biology for:

- i. Request to restrict courses used to fulfill RMQR, RLPR, and FSWR, and include note in College Option: Biochemistry BS

The committee asked that the items be separated as they move forward to Faculty Senate, to limit the note encouraging students to take PSY 100 to the EDUCATION tracks in each. *O. Goner made a motion to approve the proposal. D. Allen seconded the motion. The committee approved the proposal with two abstentions (L. Manne and G. Vachadze), with a mandate to separate the Chemistry BS and Chemistry 7-12 plans.*

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a. Proposals from the Department of Sociology/Anthropology for:

- i. Change in existing course: SOC 212 Criminology
- ii. Change in existing course: SOC 240 Minority Groups
- iii. Change in existing course: SOC 260 Class, Status, and Power
- iv. These items were considered as a package. *M. Paris made a motion to approve the proposal as having no effect on courses' GE status. S. Morris seconded the motion. The committee approved the proposal package unanimously.*

b. Proposal from the Department of History for:

- i. Change in existing course: HST 260 U.S. History: First Encounters to the Present
- ii. *This proposal was pulled from the floor by R. Powers due to receiving additional feedback from the SLS Program which required consideration.*

c. Proposal from the Department of Biology for:

- i. Change in existing course: BIO 160 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- ii. *G. Vachadze made a motion to approve the proposal as having no effect on courses' GE status. M. Paris seconded the motion. The committee approved the proposal unanimously.*

8. Discussion Items from March 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

- a. M. Paris (Political Science & Global Affairs): COR 100 prerequisite on 200-level courses for transfer students -- is now Change to Criteria for Contemporary World category (removal of COR 100).

- b. Proposal of Policy for Transfer Students: When a transfer student has a completed and transferred credit for an FUSR (Flexible Core US Experience in Its Diversity) course this student is exempt by CUNY policy from the COR 100 requirement; therefore, the C100 student group shall be assigned by the Registrar and/or any other appropriate office. This will prevent future registration issues into courses with the COR 100 prerequisite.
  - i. The need to made consistent the policy on COR 100 substitutions/equivalencies.
- c. O. Goner (Sociology/Anthropology): Discussion of STEM exemptions in the College Option

*All discussion items were tabled until the next meeting and the request was made to have them first on the agenda. Members were asked to bring department feedback to the next meeting and be prepared to speak on these items.*

- 9. Core Program Report: R. Powers – R. Powers stated that the items that were to be addressed in the Core Report had already been addressed. He therefore yielded his time.

10. New Business

*No new business was brought forward.*

- 11. Old Business: CCCRC status for CIN 100, DRA 100, and PHO 101  
*Owing to the hour, this item was tabled until the next meeting.*

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 11:42am.

Minutes submitted by Suzy Shepardson.