

General Education Committee
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2019
9:30 a.m., 1A-406

General Education Committee: Catherine Lavender (Chair), Lisa Manne, Xiaowen Zhang, Deb DeSimone, Linda Coull, Gregory Seals, David Lindo Atichati, Mark Aaron Polger, Nancy Guo, Abhijit Champanerkar,
Jillian Baez, Karen Arca-Contreras, George Sanchez, William Schreiber, Rob Lovering, Michael Paris, Lana Karasik, Barbra Teater, Don Selby, Anes Ahmed, Oswaldo Zavala
Staff: Hernan Green, Michael Anderson, Ken Wolpin, Veronica DiMeglio
Ex-Officio: Ralf Peetz
Excused: Jonathan Peters, Krishnaswami Raja, Maryann Feola,
Guests: Saraolta Takas, Susan Holak, Ken Gold, Richard Flanagan
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1. Catherine Lavender (Chair) led the meeting with brief introductions.
2. The agenda for February 4th was unanimously approved (motion: Deb DeSimone, seconded: Don Selby)
3. The minutes from the December 3, 2018 meeting were approved with four abstentions (D. Selby, K. Arca Contreras, G. Seals, L. Coull) (motion: Deb DeSimone, seconded: Rob Lovering)
4. Proposal from Department of World Languages and Literatures for:
 - a. Change in existing course: ARB 112 Basic Arabic I was unanimously approved (moved: Oswaldo Zavala, seconded: Deb DeSimone)
5. Town Hall and General Education December 11, 2018 Recap: The aim of the Town Halls was to find common discussion regarding general education. This and next month, there will be a process of stages outlining the next conversations which will handle the structural issues of our current general education. CSI's idea of general education does not match the CUNY Pathways Initiative. What do we do to prepare students for success when they leave this college?
6. CORE Report: Deb DeSimone gave a brief overview of the report that will be sent to the Committee members electronically following the meeting. Discussion of how COR 100

came to be a significant part of our general education and the role it plays as CSI's "common experience. Committee members were asked to review the report and provide talking points to discuss at the next meeting.

7. CCCR Approvals: FNC 111 Personal Finance was tabled at FS but approved by the CCCRC Committee in late December.
8. Pathways and designated courses in buckets: A Memorandum from CUNY, in response to an inquiry regarding CSI general education requirements, was distributed. The issues addressed in the memorandum should be considered in upcoming general education conversations as possible concerns: requiring a single course in an area when there are other courses offered, language requirements, hidden prerequisites, use of the sixth flexible core.
9. Old Business: Veronica DiMeglio asked if the Faculty Committee on General Education Appeals could meet to discuss a few appeals. With the sabbatical and change in representative, Catherine Lavender agreed to fill in for George Vachadze and Siona Wilson.
10. New Business: Michael Anderson, the Director of Academic Assessment update the Committee on the assessment planned for Spring 2019 on the following courses: AST 100, BIO 106, COM 100, ENG 111, MTH 123, POL 100 or 103, and PSY 100