

**General Education Committee
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2018
9:30 a.m., 1A-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), R. Powers (History), L. Yetnikoff (Psychology), C. Ferrari (World Languages & Literatures), A. Bardsley (English), S. Hwang (Accounting & Finance), N. Guo (Marketing), X. Dong (Management), S. Morris (Philosophy), X. Zhang (Computer Science), S. Wilson (Performing & Creative Arts)

Staff: M. Anderson (Director of Assessment), S. Shepardson (CAAS), V. DiMeglio (Curriculum), D. Scimeca (Core 100), R. Peetz (Associate Provost)

Guests: K. Gold (Dean, School of Education), S. Holak (Dean, School of Business), Cheryl Craddock (Verrazano), F. Seck (World Languages and Literatures)

Excused: G. Milligan (Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences), V. Incera (Dean, Science & Technology), A. Leykam (Library), K. Raja (Chemistry), L. Manne (Biology), A. Champanerkar (Mathematics), G. Vachadze (Economics), P. Gross (Social Work), M. Nashed (Student Representative),

M. Tye (Dean, School of Health Sciences), M. D'Alessandro (CSI/St. George)

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1. The minutes from the December meeting were approved with two abstentions (S. Mee, L. Yetnikoff). (S. Morris motion to approve. R. Powers seconded the motion)
2. The agenda for February 5th was unanimously approved. (D. Allen motion to approve. J. Alexander seconded the motion).
3. Resolution of thanks for Richard Powers: The resolution was read by C. Lavender. The Committee unanimously approved the resolution and gave a round of applause for R. Powers. R. Powers thanked C. Lavender for stewarding the various items that the Committee worked on during his tenure as Chair and commended the "terrific" committee for a job well done.
4. Informational Items:
 - a. General Education Committee nomination of members for the Core Committee: C. Lavender asked Committee members to forward names of those interested in serving on the Core Committee.
 - b. General Education Committee Assessment Subcommittee Nominations (3 faculty, 2 staff). C. Lavender asked if there are any committee members who would like to serve on GECAS. M. Anderson gave a brief overview of the required assessment activities that the committee would be working on. M. Anderson (staff), L. Ge (Engineering Science & Physics), A. Bardsley (English), and S. Shepardson (staff) have agreed to serve on the committee. There is still one faculty position available. If interested please notify C. Lavender.
 - c. Going Forward/Handbook (revised version): A Blackboard site is being created to house important curriculum documents/information/links related to the curricular process, including the General Education Handbook. Specific requests for the links to the CUNY Pathways website and CCCRC submission forms will

also be available. A. Bardsley asked about a proposed “literature” course and where in the flexible core would this type of course fit. C. Lavender advised the committee that J. Marcus-Delgado (Political Science and Global Affairs) and S. Zelikovitz (Computer Science) serve on the CCCRC. It was mentioned that both faculty representatives would be invited to a committee meeting to give an overview of the process and share their experiences.

- d. General Education objectives for science labs co-requisite with Life and Physical Science and Scientific World: These learning objectives will be discussed at Department and brought back for a vote at a future meeting.
5. Follow-up Items From Faculty Senate (November 16, 2017)
 - a. Change in degree requirements: AS in Engineering Science (removal of ENS/PHY 250 from fulfilling AS in Engineering Science Flexible Core Scientific World) was moved by J. Alexander and seconded by X. Zhang. The committee unanimously approved the proposal.
 - b. Change in degree requirements: AAS in Computer Technology (adding GEO 115/ESC 110 to Life and Physical and Scientific World) was moved by X. Zhang and seconded by J. Alexander. The committee unanimously approved the proposal.
 - c. Change in degree requirements: BS in Computer Science (adding GEO 115/ESC 110 to Life and Physical and Scientific World) was moved by X. Zhang and seconded by J. Alexander. The committee unanimously approved the proposal.
 - d. Change in degree requirements: BS in Computer Science/Mathematics (adding GEO 115/ESC 110 to Life and Physical and Scientific World) was moved by X. Zhang and seconded by J. Alexander. The committee unanimously approved the proposal.
 6. Proposal from the Department of Media Culture for:
 - a. Change in general education designation: CIN 100 Introduction to Film was moved by R. Gates and seconded by S. Wilson. The committee unanimously approved the requirement designation of Creative Expression.
 7. Proposals from the Department of Performing and Creative Arts for:
 - a. Change in general education designation: DRA 100 Introduction to Theatre was moved by S. Wilson and seconded by A. Bardsley. The committee unanimously approved the requirement designation of Creative Expression.
 - b. Change in general education designation: PHO 101 Introduction to Photography was moved by S. Wilson and seconded by A. Bardsley. The committee unanimously approved the requirement designation of Creative Expression.
 8. Proposal from World Languages and Literatures, African and African Diaspora Studies and International Studies Program for:
 - a. General Education Designation for New Course INT/AAD/LNG 240 African Diaspora: Interdisciplinary Perspectives was moved by C. Ferrari and seconded by A. Bardsley. The committee unanimously approved the requirement designations of Contemporary World, Social Science, and Pluralism & Diversity.
 9. Follow-Up From January Chancellor’s Report
 - a. College Option: 6 and 9 credit option: C. Lavender briefly gave an overview of what is required in terms of listing requirements for students who need to complete 6 and 9 credits in the College Option. C. Lavender asked if there were

any volunteers wishing to serve on the College Option subcommittee. J. Alexander, C. Lavender, S. Mee, S. Shepardson, and C. Craddock volunteered.

- b. Hidden Prerequisites: R. Peetz spoke briefly about the hidden prerequisites in degree requirements and the CUNY Memorandum that addresses the issue. Degree changes in the January Chancellor's report were pulled from the report because it was not clear how students could complete their requirements in the minimum 120 credits. As changes to degree requirements are proposed in the future we will be required to identify any hidden prerequisites. The CUNY Memorandum will be distributed to the Committee.
10. New Business
- C. Lavender asked committee members what issues they or their departments wished to bring to the table for discussion at the next meeting:
 - a. R. Powers (History) would like to discuss the College's new Strategic Plan and the role of the General Education Committee in that plan
 - b. D. Allen (Curriculum & Instruction) would like to update the Committee next month on the Writing Intensive pilot.
 - c. M. Paris (Political Science & Global Affairs) would like to discuss the COR 100 prerequisite on 200-level courses for transfer students
 - d. O. Goner (Sociology/Anthropology) would like to discuss STEM exemptions in the College Option

The meeting adjourned at 10:45am.