

General Education Committee
MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2019
9:30 a.m., 1A-406

General Education Committee: Catherine Lavender (Chair), Jonathan Peters, Lisa Manne, Krishnaswami Raja, Xiaowen Zhang, Deb DeSimone, George Vachadze, Gregory Seals, David Lindo Atichati, Maryann Feola, Anne Hays, Nancy Guo, Abhijit Champanerkar, Jillian Baez, Rob Lovering, Michael Paris, Florette Cohen, Nafees Alam, Don Selby, Oswaldo Zavala

Staff: Hernan Green, Michael Anderson, Ken Wolpin, Veronica DiMeglio, Susan Holak, Marcus Tye, Kenneth Gold, Sarolta Takacs

Ex-Officio: Ralf Peetz

Guests: Francisco Soto, John Dixon, Katie Cumiskey, Michael Morreale

Excused: Anes Amed, Karen Arca Contreras

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1. The Chair of the Committee led brief introductions.
2. The agenda was unanimously approved.
3. The minutes from the February 4, 2019 meeting were approved with one abstention (Anne Hays).
4. Proposal from the Department of Performing and Creative Arts for:
 - a. Change in existing course: MUS 120 Rudiments of Music was unanimously approved.
5. Proposal from Department of World Languages and Literatures for:
 - a. Change in existing course: SPN 119 Elementary Spanish for Heritage Speakers was unanimously approved.
6. General Education Assessment (Michael Anderson): The draft of the Strategic Plan for Assessment of General Education Learning Outcomes was distributed to the Committee. The report will be discussed in detail at the April meeting and voted on at a future GEC meeting.
7. The memorandum regarding the designation of courses as Liberal Arts and Sciences in the Curricular Process was unanimously approved.
8. The CORE Report was provided by Deb DeSimone and distributed to the Committee

which included documentation requested by the GEC (common syllabus, assignments, self-study, new policies and procedures) in order to nominate members to the CORE 100 Committee. Michael Paris made a motion to accept the report as fulfilling the requirements to nominate future committee members and forward along to the Provost for appointment. The motion was seconded by Maryann Feola. The Committee approved the motion unanimously.

- a. Upon approval of the report, the nomination by the COR 100 Committee to nominate Nan Sussman (bio circulated prior to the meeting) was presented. Jonathan Peters motioned to approve and Lisa Manne seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 15 (Yes), 1 (No), and four abstentions (Maryann Feola, Michael Paris, Don Selby, Anne Hays).
 - b. Deb DeSimone also reported the CORE 100 Committee unanimously approved and updated the charge of the Committee, which included allowing the CORE Coordinator voting rights. It was suggested that the CORE charge be presented to the Committee as a curriculum proposal (FROM/TO) addressing the changes and forwarding to the Chair for discussion at a future GEC meeting.
9. The Resolution to Strengthen Curriculum within the U.S. and Its Diversity category of the Common Flexible Core was presented and discussed. An amendment was made to remove the resolves and to edit the proposed item to move forward as a curriculum proposal (FROM/TO) without the language that preceded the change. This amendment was moved by Catherine Lavender, seconded by Lisa Manne, and accepted with a paper ballot vote of 18 (Yes), 2 abstentions (Nafees Alam, Florette Cohen).
10. The following curriculum proposal (FROM/TO) was approved by a vote of 14 (Yes), 5 (No) and one abstention (Maryann Feola).