

**General Education Committee
MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2018
9:30 a.m., 1A-406**

General Education Committee: G. Reichard (Provost), C. Lavender (Chair), G. Milligan (Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences), 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. Manne (Biology), L. Yetnikoff (Psychology), C. Ferrari (World Languages & Literatures), G. Fuchs (Mathematics), A. Bardsley (English), H. Suk Shim (Accounting & Finance), N. Guo (Marketing), H. Bertels (Management), S. Morris (Philosophy), X. Zhang (Computer Science), S. Wilson (Performing & Creative Arts), P. Gross (Social Work), M. Nashed (Student Representative)

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

Guest: K. Gold (Dean, School of Education), S. Holak (Dean, School of Business), M. Tye (Dean, School of Health Sciences)

Excused: V. Incera (Dean, Science & Technology), A. Leykam (Library), K. Raja (Chemistry), G. Vachadze (Economics)

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1. S. Morris made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 5th meeting. J. Alexander seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with one abstention (G. Fuchs).
2. G. Fellner made a motion to approve the agenda for March 5th. J. Alexander seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.
3. Informational Items:
 - a. General Education Committee nomination call for members for the Core Committee
 - i. Nomination of Professor Francisco Soto, Department of World Languages and Literatures and of Professor Alyson Bardsley, Department of English. G. Fellner made a motion to approve both nominations. S. Morris seconded the motion. The nominations were approved unanimously.
 - b. General Education Committee Assessment Subcommittee Nominations/Election (3 faculty, 2 staff): G. Milligan made a motion to approve the following nominations: A. Bardsley (Chair, Li Ge (Engineering Science & Physics), C. Lavender (Chair of Gen Ed.), S. Shepardson (Staff), and Michael Anderson (Staff). S. Morris seconded the motion. The nominations were unanimously approved.
 - c. College Option Subcommittee: This item was tabled and moved to the April agenda.
 - d. CUNY Pathways Website: The Committee was provided with the web link.
 - e. Flow Chart/Checklist for CCCRC: R. Gates walked the Committee through the CIN 100 Pathways CCCRC submission.
 - f. Curriculum Blackboard Site: The Committee was informed that this is a work in progress and will be available to all Faculty and Staff.

4. General Education objectives for science labs co-requisite with Life and Physical Science and Scientific World. The Committee is still waiting for the Department of Chemistry to approve these objectives. The item was tabled and will be moved to the April agenda.
5. General Education Items.
 - a. Proposal from the Department of Chemistry for:
 - i. Waiver request to restrict courses used to fulfill RMQR, RLPR, FSWR, and FISR, and include note in College Option (also identifying hidden prerequisites): Chemistry BS
 - b. Proposal from the Department of Chemistry and Biology for:
 - i. Waiver request to restrict courses used to fulfill RMQR, RLPR, and FSWR, and include note in College Option (also identifying hidden prerequisites): Biochemistry BS

Item 5a and 5b were tabled because there the Department of Chemistry representative was not present to discuss.

6. General Education Items Approved by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on 2 March 2018.
 - a. Proposals from the Department of Sociology/Anthropology for:
 - i. Change in existing course: SOC 100 Sociology
 - ii. Change in existing course: SOC 240 Minority Groups
 - iii. Change in existing course: SOC 260 Class, Status, and Power
 - b. Proposal from the Department of World Languages and Literatures for:
 - i. Change in existing course: SPN 313 Advanced Communications Skills

All items were moved collectively by J. Alexander. The motion was seconded by R. Gates. The committee approved the proposals with two abstentions (A. Bardsley, O. Goner).

7. Discussion Items Requested at February Meeting:
 - a. The College's new Strategic Plan: Provost G. Reichard addressed the Committee on the new strategic plan and the role of the General Education Committee. The Provost invited the Committee to attend the retreat scheduled for March 21st/April 20th on how to advance the priorities of student success (#1) and resources management (#6).
 - b. The Writing Intensive pilot: D. Allen (Curriculum & Instruction) reported on the WI pilot. Several representatives asked what they could do to assist with this initiative and what the next steps would be. D. Allen indicated that he has no authority to enact the policy. The subcommittee created has aged out and we need representatives from all Departments/Programs, not just from the Department of English and School of Education. J. Alexander would be interested in serving on the subcommittee.
 - c. COR 100 prerequisite on 200-level courses for transfer students: M. Paris (Political Science & Global Affairs) addressed concern that COR 100 as a prerequisite for 200 level courses, especially contemporary world, create a barrier in enrollment for transfer students. The Department of Political Science and Global Affairs has proposed removing COR 100 as a prerequisite from all contemporary world courses. The Chair pointed out that this type of change, removal of a prerequisite, must originate in the Department and/or Program to which the course belongs to and then presented to the Undergraduate

Curriculum Committee. Discussion followed of possible future proposals to remove COR 100 from the contemporary world requirements. R. Powers requested data showing the impact.

- d. O. Goner (Sociology/Anthropology): STEM exemptions in the College Option: This discussion was tabled due to time.

Meeting adjourned at 12pm.