

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2019 @ 9:30am
BUILDING 1A, ROOM 406 AND THE LAWN OUTSIDE 1A**

General Education Committee: Catherine Lavender (Chair), Jonathan Peters, Lisa Manne, Rupal Gupta, Xiaowen Zhang, Deb DeSimone, Simone Wegge, Mary Boland, Eric Ivison (alternate), Anne Hays, Carles Sola Belda, Tom Tellefsen, Abhijit Champanerkar, Jason Simon, Karen Arca-Contreras, Steve Morris, Richard Flanagan, Florette Cohen, Barbra Teater, Grace Cho, Maxwell Velikodny, Oswaldo Zavala

Staff: Hernan Green, Michael Anderson, Ken Wolpin, Veronica DiMeglio

Ex-Officio: Ralf Peetz

Deans: Susan Holak, Michael Cavagnero, Marcus Tye

Absent: Gregory Seals, David Lindo Atichati, George Sanchez, William Schreiber, Ralf Peetz (ex-officio), Donna Scimeca (staff)

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1. The agenda for November 4th was approved by acclamation.
2. The minutes from May 6, 2019 were approved
3. Approval of the minutes from September 9, 2019.
4. Proposal from the Department of Political Science & Global Affairs for:
 - a. Change in existing course: GEG 229 Geography of New York City was withdrawn by the Department so that the faculty member who is teaching the course can make a presentation. The Committee expressed concerns that the description should make clearer the contemporary world content. It was suggested that the course could also satisfy pluralism and diversity. This course would also be the first explicitly US-centered course in the contemporary world category.
5. FYI: Proposals from the Department of Computer Science for:
 - a. Change in existing course: CSC 140 Algorithms and Computation
 - b. Change in existing course: CSC 141 Algorithms and Computation Laboratory

There was no impact to the general education "status", therefore this was presented as informational.
6. CCCRC Review for Fall & Spring: The Committee was reminded that the three remaining CCCRC meetings are: 11/27, 2/7/20, and 4/3/20. In order to facilitate the approval process, the Committee understands that in some cases items might be submitted to CCCRC before full local governance approval. However, no item will be appear on a CAAPRA (Formerly Chancellor's report) report until local governance approval.
7. Appeals on AP or Transfer course without corequisite laboratory: For students who enter CSI as freshman or transfer as of Fall 2019, having completed a science course that satisfies the life and physical science or scientific world without a corequisite lab and

subsequently apply for an en route AA in Liberal Arts and Science, would most likely be waived. However, native students who complete a science course at CSI without a corequisite lab would not be waived.

8. New Business: Richard Flanagan asked the Committee to circulate to their departments the proposal to change the requirement that native students complete COR 100 to fulfill FUSR. This item will be put forward for a vote at the December meeting.
9. At @10:00am, a fire alarm/drill in 1A building required evacuation of the meeting room. As the October meeting had been cancelled due to a campus-wide power outage, the committee agreed to continue its meeting on the lawn outside 1A. After a brief break, the meeting was readjourned there.
10. Catherine Lavender updated the Committee on the ongoing discussions of the Reimaging General Education Task Force.
11. New Business
 - a. Committee members requested that the administration provide data on the impact of changing courses from 4 to 3 credits on students, faculty, student success – retention and graduation, workload, scheduling, financial aid, general education, et al. A motion was made by Grace Cho and seconded by Jon Peters for the Chair to bring these issues forward to the Faculty Senate. The Chair asked members to forward to her any additional items that should be included. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.
12. Motion to adjourn @ 10:30 am was made by Maxwell Velikodny and seconded by Catherine Lavender. The motion was passed by general acclamation as it was cold outside.