

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

General Education Committee: Catherine Lavender (Chair), Jonathan Peters, Lisa Manne, Xiaowen Zhang, Deb DeSimone, George Vachadze, Gene Fellner, Jane Alexander, Simon Reader, Mark Aaron Polger, Tom Tellefsen, Abhijit Champanerkar, Reece Peck, Eileen Gigliotti, Siona Wilson, Rob Lovering, Michael Paris, Lana Karasik, Oswaldo Zavala
Staff: Hernan Green, Mario D'Alessandro, Michael Anderson, Donna Scimeca, Cheryl Craddock, Veronica DiMeglio

Ex-Officio: Ralf Peetz

Excused: Krishnaswami Raja, William Schreiber, Nafees Alam, Ozlem Goner, Ali Rada, Donna Scimeca, Cheryl Craddock

Guests: Jonathan Sassi, Susan Holak, Sarolta Takacs, Marcus Tye,

Date: October 1, 2018

1. The agenda for October 1st was moved by Jonathan Peters and seconded by Jane Alexander. The agenda was unanimously approved.
2. Catherine Lavender addressed the Committee on a vote that took place at the September meeting to approve the change in existing courses proposed from the Department of Political Science and Global Affairs (items 6a-l). The change was approved by a vote of 9-2, with six abstentions; abstentions are counted as no votes, making the total 9 for and 8 against. These results included one ineligible "for" vote. With the removal of the ineligible vote, the total became 8 for and 8 against, meaning that the vote failed to move the item forward. The chair asked how the Committee would like to proceed. The Committee was advised that the Committee could choose to amend the vote and/or re-vote on the proposals. Michael Paris made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect the vote for item 6a-1 to 8-2, with six abstentions. Deb DeSimone seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with one abstention (J. Alexander).
3. Proposal from the Department of Mathematics for:
 - a. Change in existing course: MTH 104 Thinking Mathematically (RMQR) was unanimously approved.
4. Proposal from the Department of Accounting and Finance for:
 - a. Change in existing course: FNC 111 Personal Financial Management (FISR) was amended to only satisfy the FISR category. Michael Paris made the motion to approve and was seconded by Deb DeSimone. The course was unanimously approved.
5. Proposal from the Department of English for:
 - a. New course: ENGL 190 Literature and Society FCER was moved by Lisa Manna to approve and seconded by Rob Lovering. The course was unanimously approved.
6. COR 100 Nominations: Michael Paris raised concerns with the proposed nominations and the role of the General Education Committee in relation to

oversight of COR 100. As a prior member of the COR 100 Committee, Michael Paris summarized issues that were brought to the previous Dean and Director that he had hoped would be addressed. His main concern was his perception that there was a the lack of any written policies and procedures for hiring faculty to teach COR 100. Deb DeSimone, the current Director of the COR 100 Committee responded that this program does not have a Department Chair and any faculty hired are approved by the appointments committee of the Department of History. Jonathan Sassi informed the Committee that on April 20, 2016, the Department of History passed the following resolution: "We, the Appointments Committee of the Department of History, hereby apply our rubber stamp to the list of COR 100 adjuncts, but we wish to make clear that we have neither vetted nor hired the individuals listed, nor do we play any role in overseeing them, since this interdisciplinary program is outside our purview." Michael Paris made the following motion: Moved to approve Jonathan Cope, Library; Ruth Powers Silverberg, Educational Studies; and Harry Thorne, English for the fall 2018; and to bar any further nominations until there is a written response from the Chair of the CORE Committee on the qualifications of the nominees in their fields as appropriate to the charge of the committee and assurance that written policies and procedures will be shared with the General Education Committee by the end of the year. The motion was seconded by Rob Lovering. The committee approved the motion unanimously.

7. Faculty Senate Town Halls on General Education: Catherine Lavender announced that on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 and December 11, 2018 from 2:30-4:30pm the Faculty Senate, along with Academic Affairs will sponsor Town Hall discussions on General Education. Jonathan Peters made a motion for the General Education Committee be a co-sponsor of the Town Hall Meetings proposed. G. Fellner seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously.