

**General Education Committee
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
9:30 a.m., 1A-308**

General Education Committee: Jonathan Peters, Lisa Manne, Krishnaswami Raja, Xiaowen Zhang, George Vachadze, Gene Fellner, Deb DeSimone, Maryann Feola, Catherine Lavender, Mark Aaron Polger, Nancy Guo, Jillian Baez, Eileen Gigliotti, Siona Wilson, William Schreiber, Michael Paris, Lana Karasik, Christine Flynn Saulnier, Ozlem Goner, Ali Rada, Oswaldo Zavala

Staff: Hernan Green, Veronica DiMeglio, Suzy Shepardson

Excused: Ralf Peetz, Kenneth Gold, Jane Alexander, Abhijit Champanerkar, Rob Lovering, Michael Anderson, Donna Scimeca

Guests: Sarolta Takacs, Susan Holak, Marcus Tye, Francisco Soto

Date: September 17, 2018

1. Introductions were led by Catherine Lavender, the outgoing Chair of the General Education Committee.
2. Catherine Lavender distributed the General Education Committee Charge (Governance Plan). Catherine Lavender announced that she was stepping down as Chair.
3. Sarolta Takacs, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences presided over the Chair election proceedings. A call for nominations was made. J. Peters nominated Catherine Lavender. Catherine Lavender accepted the nomination. Michael Paris seconded the nomination. The Committee unanimously approved Catherine Lavender as the Chair of the General Education Committee for 2018-2019.
4. The agenda for September 17th was unanimously approved.
5. The minutes from the May 7th meeting were approved with four abstentions (Jillian Baez, Oswaldo Zavala, Deb DeSimone, and Eileen Gigliotti).
6. Proposals from the Department of Political Science for:
 - a. Change in existing course: POL 201 Early Western Political Theory (social science)
 - b. Change in existing course: POL 202 Modern Western Political Theory (social science)

- c. Change in existing course: POL/PHL 204 American Political and Legal Thought (social science)
- d. Change in existing course: POL 221 The American Presidency (social science)
- e. Change in existing course: POL 222 The American Legal System (social science)
- f. Change in existing course: POL 227 Political Parties, Elections, and Interest Groups (social science)
- g. Change in existing course: POL 231 City Hall and Albany (social science)
- h. Change in existing course: POL 233 CUNY Internship Program in New York Government and Politics I (social science)
- i. Change in existing course: POL 237 Criminal Courts and Defendants' Rights (social science)
- j. Change in existing course: POL 238 Criminal Law and Procedure (social science)
- k. Change in existing course: POL 241 Western European Politics: United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany (social science)
- l. Change in existing course: POL 252 Middle East Politics (social science)

RECAP of discussion: Michael Paris explained the rationale for the change in prerequisites for items 6a-l being that COR 100 is seen as an impediment to registering for the courses. There was opposition to the change, which included the original intention of COR 100, being the common experience had by all CSI students.

Discussion focused on the definition of social science and the required prerequisite and the implications of the removal of COR 100 from the courses. After a lengthy discussion, Jonathan Peters made a motion to vote of items 6a-l as package. Michael Paris seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 9-2, with six abstentions

(Catherine Lavender, Jillian Baez, William Schreiber, Mark Aaron Polger, Gene Fellner, Siona Wilson).

7. Proposal from the Program in Women's Gender, and Sexuality Studies for:
 - a. New Course WGS 204 LGBTQ Narratives (TALA) (p&d) was unanimously approved.
8. Proposal from the Department of Department of World Languages and Literatures and the Program in African and African Diaspora Studies for:
 - a. Change in existing course: FRN 355 Black French Writers (TALA) (cont. wrld.) (p&d) was unanimously approved.
9. Proposal from the Department of Department of World Languages and Literatures, the Program in Women's Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Program in African and African Diaspora Studies for:
 - a. Change in existing course: FRN 350/WGS 353 The Feminist Challenge in French Literature (TALA) (cont. wrld.) (p&d) was unanimously approved.
10. Proposal from the Department of History for:
 - a. New course: HST 112 New Approaches to History (FISR) was unanimously approved.
11. Proposal from the Department of Physics for:
 - a. Request to restrict courses used to fulfill RMQR, RLPR, FSWR and College Option: Physics (BS) was unanimously approved.
12. Proposal from the Department of Mathematics for:
 - a. Change in existing course: MTH 104 Thinking Mathematically (RMQR) was postponed to the October agenda.
13. Proposal from the Department of Social Work for:
 - a. Request to restrict courses used to fulfill RMQR, RLPR, FISR and College Option: Social Work (BS) was unanimously approved.

14. CCCRC Approval of CIN 100: Catherine Lavender informed the Committee that CIN 100 was approved by the CCCRC in late Spring and is now being offered as a course that satisfies the Creative Expression area of Pathways.

15. Faculty Senate:

- a. Geology Courses: Catherine Lavender informed the Committee that the following Geology courses, GEO 106, 107, 111, 112, 113, and 114 will be presented at Faculty Senate on September 20th for approval of the general education requirement designation. These courses were approved by the General Education Committee on October 7, 2013, during the moratorium. When the courses reached Faculty Senate, the general education designation was omitted and approved by Faculty Senate on November 21, 2013.

16. Curriculum Blackboard Site: Veronica DiMeglio announced that there is a Curriculum Blackboard Site in the works. This site will be available through the CUNY Portal for all Faculty and Staff. Items included on the site will be curriculum related including but not limited to agendas, minutes, proposals formats, curriculum calendar, and CUNY Policies.

17. Pathways Advisory (Informational): Veronica DiMeglio discussed briefly the purpose of the Pathways Advisory. Catherine Lavender explained that this document should be reviewed, and if any items need to be discussed and/or addressed, the Pathways subcommittee of the General Education Committee will be charged to reviewing the issue and making a recommendation to the Committee for action.

William Schreiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jonathan Peters seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:27am.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 1st.