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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

October 12, 2016
Olin 304

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM.

Members Present: Mike Egan (Chair), Kirsten Day, Ian Harrington, Kelvin Mason, Jeff Ratliff-Crain (XO), Lisa Seidlitz, Gillian Lederman, Mamata Marmé, Christopher Strunk, Rachel Weiss, Amanda Wilmsmeyer.

Members Absent: Rob Elflin, Lendol Calder, Vanessa Beck (SGA), Luke Stoefen (SGA) – Asia Term.

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library
Mark Salisbury, Institutional Research
Tim Muir, Biology

I. Minutes

Motion – Ian Harrington moved “**to approve the minutes of the OCTOBER 5th meeting as submitted.**” Rachel Weiss seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the MINUTES of the OCTOBER 5th MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED.

Ann Miller will file the approved minutes with Mary Koski in Academic Affairs.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda items were reviewed by the members of the committee. Items can be pulled from this agenda with a single person requesting a discussion; items need 5 affirmative votes and no Discussion votes to remain on the consent agenda. After reviewing, PS – LTAM 330 (Strunk) and G – LTAM 330 (Strunk) remained on the consent agenda; all others were pulled for more in-depth discussion.

2. Course Approvals

a. PS – LTAM 330 – (Strunk)

PASSED online from Consent Agenda.

b. G – LTAM 330 – (Strunk)

PASSED online from Consent Agenda.

c. PH – GRD 410 – (Phipps)

Chairman Egan asked for a motion to consider this proposal and G – GRD 410 (Phipps) as one package for discussion to more efficiently address the concerns brought forward online by the committee members.

Motion to combine PH – GRD 410 and G – GRD 410 (Phipps) for discussion purposes: Kirsten Day; Amanda Wilmsmeyer seconded.

MOTION TO COMBINE PROPOSALS PH – GRD 410 (Phipps) and G – GRD 410 (Phipps) FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES PASSED.

d. PH – GRD 410 (Phipps) and G – GRD 410 (Phipps)

The committee had concerns about the “special topics” nature of this proposal and lack of information included in the syllabus. Members further felt that the information that was included in the submitted paperwork seemed incomplete. It was decided more detail and specific information is needed for further consideration. Chairman Egan asked for a motion to table this discussion pending additional information from the professor.

Motion to table PH – GRD 410 (Phipps) and G – GRD 410 (Phipps) for further discussion: Ian; Lisa Seidlitz seconded.

MOTION TO TABLE PH – GRD 410 (Phipps) and G – GRD 410 (Phipps) FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION PASSED.

III. Intercultural Competency: Guests from Assessment for Improvement Committee

*The Assessment for Improvement Committee is currently focusing on the Intercultural Competency Learning Outcome. Chairman Egan invited Mark Salisbury and Tim Muir to speak to the Gen Ed Committee about what certain statistics mean regarding the differences in learning outcomes between International and Domestic students and how the survey results can help guide the future of Gen Ed at Augustana.

IV. Next Week’s Meeting in Gavle 1 with Students

*The Gen Ed Committee will hold a special meeting next week on Wed., Oct. 19, 4:00 pm, in Gavle-1, Gerber Center. On behalf of the committee, Jeffrey Ratliff-Crain extended an invitation to attendees of the “Before It Happens Here” special meeting regarding diversity issues on campus. The purpose of the October 19th meeting is to hear more about direct individual experiences/observations under the current Gen Ed requirements, address concerns or positive experiences students may have seen with current offerings, and seek input and ideas on possible directions for the Gen Ed Program moving forward.

V. Continued Work on Guiding Principles

*Continued conversation about trying to establish rules and guidelines for what Gen Ed will look like under semesters. Chairman Egan suggested members take a look at the updated information added to the document in the Gen Ed folder located on Drive. Mike emphasized that these Guiding Principles need to be “presentable”, but still modifiable, by the Week 9 Frico. **Ongoing.**

VI. HEPE Input from Athletic Director

Not addressed at this time.

VII. Announcements from Academic Affairs

No announcements were presented.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Miller