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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

October 5, 2016
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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

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

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

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

I. Minutes

Motion – Rachel Weiss moved “**to approve the minutes of the September 28th meeting as submitted.**” Mamata Marmé seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the MINUTES of the SEPTEMBER 28th meeting as submitted PASSED.

a. Motion – Chairman Egan moved to strike Kirsten Day’s name from the “Absent” category on past minutes from this year as she was erroneously not made aware that she was to serve on the Gen Ed Committee until shortly before this meeting time. Mamata seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE STRIKING KIRSTEN DAY’S NAME FROM THE “ABSENT” CATEGORY ON PAST MINUTES FROM 2016-17 MEETINGS PASSED.

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

a. FYI 103 (Fuhr)

PASSED online from Consent Agenda.

III. Proposal to EPC re: Foreign Language language

*Chairman Egan displayed onscreen for the committee his drafted proposal located in the Gen Ed Drive folder. Discussion commenced regarding moving around some of the bullet points, and eliminating others that reiterated ideas already presented elsewhere in the document. Mike continued to alter the document onscreen during discussion to reflect the committee’s editing suggestions. After completing edits to the committee’s satisfaction, Chairman Egan placed the amended proposal to the committee for a vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE GEN ED COMMITTEE’S PROPOSAL to EPC RE: FOREIGN LANGUAGE LANGUAGE PASSED.

*Proposal will be forwarded to the EPC Committee for further review.

IV. Frico Week 9

*Wendy Hilton-Morrow has invited the Gen Ed Committee to host Frico (Friday Conversation) during Week 9. This will serve as an opportunity to roll out the Gen Ed Guiding Principles.

V. Assessment for Improvement Committee, ICC and Gen Ed

*The Assessment for Improvement Committee is currently focusing on the Intercultural Competency Learning Outcome. Chairman Egan suggested that ongoing discussions by the Gen Ed Committee regarding this learning outcome might question whether or not there are differences in learning competence between students who study abroad and those who don't, and if there is significant data available on what the outcomes are of experiential learning classes on domestic students. Mike will contact Mark Salisbury's office with these and other pointed questions. Results of this collected data will guide future conversations regarding AIC, ICC and Gen Ed relations.

VI. 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 updated the document in the folder located on Drive while committee members offered suggestions. Discussions centered around whether Gen Ed courses should stand alone or should wrap around the student's total learning experience, and the different pedagogical vs. institutional decisions that will continue to shape the future of the Gen Ed program. **Ongoing.**

VII. Announcements from Academic Affairs

*Provost Lawrence contacted Chairman Egan suggesting the possibility of folding a stronger diversity initiative into the Gen Ed requirement, reflecting also a possible amendment to the Strategic Plan 2020. The impetus of this call to action was the expression of concern raised by students in the most recent "Before It Happens" weekly conversation. The general feeling conveyed was diversity issues are not being handled seriously enough in many designated "D" classes. Discussion proceeded with the Gen Ed Committee acknowledging an already strong diversity initiative on paper and questioning why Augie students were not strongly "feeling" this initiative. The committee suggested having guests come to a Gen Ed meeting to hear more about student experiences/observations under the current requirements. In addition, input and ideas could be explored on possible directions with Gen Ed requirements moving forward to semesters. Mike and Jeff Ratliff-Crain will reach out to attendees of the "Before It Happens" conversation to invite them to a future Gen Ed meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Miller