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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2016
Olin 304**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

Members Present: Mike Egan (Chair), Jamie Nordling, Rob Elflin, Gillian Lederman, Jeff Ratliff-Crain (XO), Chris Strunk, Amanda Wilmsmeyer, Lisa Seidlitz, Kelvin Mason, Eric Stewart, Xiaowen Zhang.

Members Absent: Rachel Weiss, Mamata Marmé, Vanessa Beck (SGA), Luke Stoefer (SGA).

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

I. Minutes

Motion – Kelvin Mason moved “**to approve the minutes of the December 7th meeting as submitted.**” Gillian Lederman seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the MINUTES of the December 7th meeting as submitted PASSED.

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

a. FYI 103 (Colvert)

Consent agenda item FYI 103 (Colvert) was reviewed online by the members of the committee and approved. No further discussion was needed at the meeting. **APPROVED.**

b. LC – COMM 499 and SOC 100 (Varallo and Shea) – Pulled off the Consent Agenda pending further discussion.

2. Course Approvals

a. LC – COMM 499 and SOC 100 (Varallo and Shea)

While the committee was willing to discuss the approval of this course to accommodate an urgent situation, concerns were raised about whether or not this course would be a purposeful interdisciplinary experience and whether the amount of preparatory work was worth the effort for just one student and a one-off case. The committee inquired after alternatives that might be available to the student, other than the construction of an “emergency LC,” to solve the student’s academic dilemma. After extensive discussion of the situation, Mike Egan suggested the committee table this proposal until Jeff Ratliff-Crain could address the committee’s concerns with the professors and explore other options available to the student for which this course was proposed.

Motion – Lisa Seidlitz moved to table **LC – COMM 499 and SOC 100 (Varallo and Shea)**; Amanda Wilmsmeyer seconded.

MOTION TO TABLE LC – COMM 499 and SOC 100 (Varallo and Shea) PASSED.

III. Gen Ed Curriculum Under Semesters

*The committee agreed that the following elements should be included in whichever final model is to be used for Gen Ed under semesters: **FYI, LPs** (assume 6), **Diversity (G,D), SI/interdisciplinarity, CT, Q, Second Language, HEPE**. This is an ongoing discussion that will be resumed in the special workshop scheduled for January, 2017.

*Sub-committees were formed and charged with refining the common elements of both Mike's and Rob Elflin's proposed models located in the "Spitball" folder:

Diversity/CT = Rachel Weiss, Chris Strunk, Eric Stewart.

SI = Kelvin Mason, Amanda Wilmsmeyer, Mike Egan

LPs – 2nd Language – HEPE = Gillian Lederman, Jamie Nordling, Jeff Ratliff-Crain

FYI/Q – Immersive Term = Rob Elflin, Kristin Douglas (Guest), Xiaowen Zhang

*Sub-committees will meet for a workshop on January 6, 2017, from 9am-1pm. Refreshments will be provided.

IV. Announcements from Academic Affairs

No announcements at this time.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Ann Miller