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Augustana College
Rock Island, IL

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2017
Olin 304

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Members Present: Rob Elflin (Chair), Mike Egan, Jamie Nordling, Gillian Lederman, Jeff Ratliff-Crain (XO), Brian Katz, Chris Strunk, Amanda Wilmsmeyer, Stefanie Bluemle, Margaret Morse, Eric Stewart, Abrie Klink (SGA), Courtney Kampert (SGA), Lisa Seidlitz, Michael Salamone (SGA).

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

I. Minutes

A motion “**to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2017 meeting as submitted**” was made by Katz; Morse seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes of the September 6, 2017 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 102 (Cranford)

Consent agenda item FYI 102 (Cranford) was reviewed online by the members of the Gen Ed committee and approved. No further discussion was needed at the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE FYI 102 (Cranford) PASSED.

b. FYI 102 (Hughes)

Consent agenda item FYI 102 (Hughes) was pulled for further discussion.

c. FYI 102 (O'Connor)

Consent agenda item FYI 102 (O'Connor) was pulled for further discussion.

d. FYI 102 (Schmidt)

Consent agenda item FYI 102 (Schmidt) was pulled for further discussion.

2. Course Approvals

a. FYI 102 (Hughes)

The committee felt a more detailed explanation of the instructor’s interpretation of “information literacy” would be needed in order to proceed with course approval. In addition, the committee wished to have further explanation of whether or not this course would be taught using various citation styles or strictly MLA. The motion was made to table the approval of this course until these concerns could be addressed by the instructor.

A motion to table FYI 102 (Hughes) was made by Lederman; Egan seconded.

MOTION TO TABLE FYI 102 (Hughes) PASSED.

b. FYI 102 (O'Connor)

Clarification within the committee was made regarding the actual visiting of a museum during this course. After this discussion, and based on the positive responses on the Consent Agenda, the committee felt it was ready to vote for approval.

A motion to approve FYI 102 (O'Connor) was made by Egan; Morse seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE FYI 102 (O'Connor) PASSED.

c. FYI 102 (Schmidt)

The committee felt more clarification was needed regarding the museum visit, and how the proposed assignments would fulfill the course objectives.

A motion to table FYI 102 (Schmidt) was made by Katz; Nordling seconded.

MOTION TO TABLE FYI 102 (Schmidt) PASSED.

3. Semester Transition Planning

a. Semester Transition Proposal from Psychology

The committee felt that the current proposal seemed strong, but that a portion of the classes did not have enough "G." Also, the proposed PSYCH 426 component seemed it would be a totally different class when taught on campus than off campus. Discussion arose from these points and a consensus was not reached.

A motion to table the Semester Transition Proposal from Psychology was made by Lederman; Katz seconded.

MOTION TO TABLE the Semester Transition Proposal from Psychology FAILED.

Discussion resumed. The suggestion was made that perhaps the "G" could be switched from 405 to 406, and that 426 should have a different suffix as it seemed it would be a much different class taught on campus as opposed to being taught abroad. The Chair agreed he would pass these suggestions on to the department.

A motion to approve the Semester Transition Proposal from Psychology, with the aforementioned suggestions, was made by Egan; Morse seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Semester Transition Proposal from Psychology FAILED.

Upon further discussion, the committee decided it would be comfortable approving the proposal if the previously discussed changes were made and if language was added that proposed course PSYCH 426 would be taught abroad.

A motion to approve the Semester Transition Proposal from Psychology, with the additional changes, was made by Stewart; Katz seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Semester Transition Proposal from Psychology PASSED.

4. HEPE Course Descriptions

*The committee discussed whether these courses should be approved by the General Education Committee or the Educational Policies Committee. The consensus was that it depended on the nature of the course description and the desired goals of the course. This is an ongoing discussion.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Language Requirement

*Ongoing discussion.

2. Summary of G/D and Q working groups.

*Postponed due to time constraints.

IV. Announcements/Other Business

*No announcements or other business at this time.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Ann Miller