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Augustana College
Rock Island, IL

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

December 6, 2017
Olin 304

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

Members Present: Rob Elflin (Chair), Gillian Lederman, Jeff Ratliff-Crain (XO), Brian Katz, Amanda Wilmsmeyer, Stefanie Bluemle, Eric Stewart, Lisa Seidlitz, Mindy Mahon, Chris Strunk, Mike Egan, Courtney Kampert (SGA), Jamie Nordling

Members Absent: Abrie Klink (SGA), Margaret Morse, Michael Salamone (SGA)

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

I. MINUTES

A motion “**to approve the minutes of both the November 15, 2017 meeting and the November 29, 2017 meeting as submitted**” was made by Katz; motion was seconded. **MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes of both the November 15, 2017 meeting and the November 29, 2017 meeting as submitted PASSED.**

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Semester Transition Proposals

**Note – the approval of all Semester Transitional Proposals at this time is provisional.

a. Political Science

The committee initially had some questions regarding the use of the “PS” suffix and felt that more description was needed in the proposal. Upon further discussion, the committee agreed that there was enough potential to approve the proposal, with constructive feedback regarding the “PS” and “Identity” to be relayed to the department by the Chair.

A motion to approve the Semester Transition Proposal from Political Science was made by Wilmsmeyer; motion was seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Semester Transition Proposal from Political Science PASSED.

b. Environmental Studies

Although the committee was enthusiastic about this proposal, some questions arose concerning the rationale for the “PN” suffix designation on some of the 300-level courses. After further discussion, the committee felt comfortable approving the proposal, with the Chair providing constructive feedback to the department. A motion to approve the Semester Transition Proposal from Environmental Studies was made by Lederman; the motion was seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Semester Transition Proposal from Environmental Studies PASSED.

c. Public Health

APPROVED via Consent Agenda.

d. Women's and Gender Studies

The committee felt this proposal was incomplete. The Chair explained that the missing two courses are not planning on being offered on the first two years of the semester calendar. Elflin explained that the committee could move to approve this as it stands then the new courses could go through a formal course approval process prior to being offered. Although the committee was not entirely comfortable with this option, this proposal has already been approved by EPC. It was further explained that if Gen Ed waits to approve after the new courses are added then they would be approving a different proposal from the one EPC approved. After much discussion, the committee felt it should table this proposal until they could receive some clarifications and further descriptions from the department. It was also agreed that copies of any further information communicated to Gen Ed regarding this proposal should also be relayed to Dehnel of EPC. The Chair agreed to keep EPC apprised on behalf of the Gen. Ed. Committee. A motion to table the Semester Transition Proposal from Women's and Gender Studies was made by Seidlitz; the motion was seconded.

MOTION TO TABLE the Semester Transition Proposal from Women's and Gender Studies PASSED.

2. FYI 103 Proposals

a. Hughes

APPROVED via Consent Agenda.

b. Kosnick

APPROVED via Consent Agenda.

c. Renaud

The committee looked favorably upon this proposal, but was concerned about some possible confusion regarding the remaining Symposium Day topics. Upon further discussion, the committee agreed that there was enough potential to approve the proposal, with constructive feedback regarding the confusion of topics between the Winter and Spring Symposium Days to be relayed to the department by the Chair. A motion to approve the FYI 103 Proposal from Renaud was made by Seidlitz; the motion was seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the FYI 103 Proposal from Renaud PASSED.

d. Storl

After some discussion and clarification, the committee was ready to approve this proposal. A motion to approve the FYI 103 Proposal from Storl was made by Egan; the motion was seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the FYI 103 Proposal from Storl PASSED.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Q Discussions

Discussions to resume 1st Week back after Holiday Break.

2. G/D Discussions

Discussions to resume 1st Week back after Holiday Break.

3. Second Language Discussion

There are some issues that have arisen due to changes in some placement exams that have resulted in a decline in numbers of students testing out of lower level language courses. The language departments feel further discussions should be postponed until the issues are resolved and the numbers are better.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

The committee discussed the language regarding the existing Gen Ed policy for “LP.” The committee felt the information provided in the Augustana General Education Requirement Document should stand as it is. The Chair called for a vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE the existing language for the Gen Ed LP Policy in the Augustana General Education Requirement Document PASSED.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Ann Miller