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Augustana College
Rock Island, IL

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

December 13, 2017

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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

Members Absent: Abrie Klink (SGA), Margaret Morse, Michael Salamone (SGA), Courtney Kampert (SGA), Jamie Nordling

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

I. MINUTES

Due to extenuating circumstances, the vote to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2017 meeting was postponed until the next meeting.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Semester Transition Proposals

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

a. History

There was much discussion about the concerns presented on the Consent Agenda regarding this proposal; the primary issue being the approval of courses that did not yet have full descriptions provided. Although there was a good deal of positive feedback on the proposal in general, the committee ultimately felt that there were too many questions left unanswered by the material presented. The committee called upon the Chair to provide it's feedback to and obtain additional information from the department before an approval could be made. A motion to table the Semester Transition Proposal from History was made by Lederman; motion was seconded.

MOTION TO TABLE the Semester Transition Proposal from History PASSED.

2. FYI 103 Proposals

a. Arkle

The committee looked favorably upon this proposal but was concerned that as presented, the course might be too content-based. It was suggested that perhaps some friendly feedback should be given to the instructor regarding handling the difficulties of the teaching of writing, particularly in the FYI 103 sequence. Upon further discussion, the committee agreed that there was enough potential to approve the proposal, with constructive feedback relayed to the instructor by the Chair. A motion to approve the FYI Proposal from Arkle was made by Katz; motion was seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the FYI 103 Proposal from Arkle PASSED.

b. Burns

APPROVED via Consent Agenda.

c. Keys

The committee felt that there were too many unanswered questions in the proposal as submitted. It was suggested that discussion of this proposal should be tabled until the Chair could relay feedback to the instructor about the questions and concerns the committee raised, and could obtain more data from the instructor that would answer these questions/concerns. A motion to table the FYI 103 Proposal from Keys was made by Elfline; the motion was seconded.

MOTION TO TABLE the FYI 103 Proposal from Keys PASSED.

d. Van Howe

After some discussion regarding expanding/strengthening the Diversity theme, the committee was ready to approve this proposal with friendly feedback given to the instructor by the Chair. A motion to approve the FYI 103 Proposal from Van Howe was made by Lederman; the motion was seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the FYI 103 Proposal from Van Howe 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

Discussions to resume 1st Week back after Holiday Break.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

No announcements or other business presented at this time.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Ann Miller