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## Minutes, April 6, 2016

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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

April 6, 2016

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The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM.

Members Present: Kelvin Mason, Brian Katz, Rachel Weiss, Jamie Nordling, Lendol Calder, Nathan Frank, Lisa Seidlitz, Mike Egan, Kaylynn Burke (SGA), Chris Wilson (SGA)

Absent: Sarah McDowell, Imran Farooqi, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Rob Elflin, Mamata Marme

Guests: Christina Myatt

**I. Minutes**

Motion- Kaylynn Burke moved **“to approve the minutes of the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting as submitted.”**

Mike Egan seconded.

Discussion was opened. A grammatical error was noted.

**MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 30TH MEETING WITH CORRECTION.**

Christina Myatt will amend and file the approved minutes with Mary Koski in Academic Affairs.

## II. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. LC2-Human Life (BIOL 362 and CHEM 411)

These course approvals were tabled last meeting.

Supplemental materials were supplied by the instructors. In discussion, the committee noted that their questions had all been answered and that the new materials made the intersection between the two classes very clear.

**LC2-HUMAN LIFE WAS APPROVED .**

### 2. FREN 357 PS

No additional materials have been received. However, Brian Katz has spoken with the instructor and anticipates something in the near future.

Brian Katz moved, **“to table the approval of FREN 357 for a PS until additional information is received.”**

Lisa Seidlitz seconded.

A vote was taken

**MOTION TO TABLE APPROVAL OF FREN 357 FOR A PS PASSES.**

### **3. Quick Announcement**

Thanks to Mike Egan for cookies this week. Nathan Frank will provide next week's treat.

### **4. Continue working on the vision and assessment plan for the core curriculum**

Discussion revolved around the proposed changes to the PL submission form.

Key points: We would like to offer a link to an example of a filled out form so people have a model of what the committee is looking for. We could use the method where the text box actually contains a description or example within the box that will disappear when one begins to type.

If the optional question remains, it was felt that it should be the first question but should not be numbered.

We need to make sure that we avoid open ended questions which can allow for vague answers. We want to make sure that people know exactly what the committee is looking for as responses.

Discussion ensued about the word evidence. This met with general approval but it was noted that we need to be explicit and give examples of what is considered evidence.

Question 5 may need to expand to more than just one question for some LPs.

It was thought that we should make the response boxes bigger. It will give people a better idea of how much information we are looking for them to provide.

We will now begin drafting other submission forms. The following people volunteered:

Rest of the LPs- Brain Katz

D- Jamie Nordling

G- Mike Egan

Q- Nathan Frank

LC- Kelvin Mason

FYI (all 3)- Rachel Weiss

### **III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GenEd may need to consider the Faculty Council proposal for calendar change.

This term, we need to keep working on the multiple/partial LC policies.

ResLife is doing interesting things in which year-cohorts are grouped together, and they would like to interface with academics. Also, should there be an official GenEd-StudentLife liaison (such as an ex officio member)?

How does the core curriculum interface with the “transfer experience”?

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Myatt