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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

August 31, 2016  
Olin 304

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

Members Present: Mike Egan (Chair), Rob Elfine, Ian Harrington, Kelvin Mason, Jeff Ratliff-Crain (XO), Lisa Seidlitz, Lendol Calder, Mamata Marmé, Christopher Strunk, Rachel Weiss, Amanda Wilmsmeyer.

Members Absent: Gillian Lederman, SGA members (have not yet been appointed).

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

**I. 2016-17 Membership:**

Committee roster (with pictures) was distributed to those absent from the previous meeting. Ann Miller was introduced as the new secretary appointed by the Provost to take minutes for the General Education Committee.

**II. Minutes**

Motion-Mamata Marmé moved **“to approve the minutes of the August 24th meeting as submitted.”**

Rachel Weiss seconded.

**MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 24TH MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**

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

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda items were reviewed by the members of the committee. Items can be pulled from this agenda with a single person requesting a discussion; items need 5 affirmative votes and no Discussion votes to remain on the consent agenda. After reviewing, only one course (RELG 306) remained on the consent agenda; all others were pulled for more in-depth discussion. Approved for the consent agenda included: RELG-306 for the PS

**2. Course Approvals**

**a. PS - PUBH 250 – (Hann)**

Motion to table the PS for PUBH 250: Egan; Marmé seconded.

**MOTION TO TABLE DISCUSSION OF PS designation for PUBH 250 PASSES.**

**b. D – PUBH 250 – (Hann)**

Motion to table discussion of the D for PUBH 250: Wilmsmeyer; Strunk seconded.

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**c. PS – RELG 306 – (Morris)**

Motion to approve the PS designation for RELG 306: Strunk; Harrington seconded.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the PS designation for RELG 309 PASSES.**

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

1. FYI 102 – Bengston Revised  
Motion-Rachel Weiss moved “to revisit.”  
Rachel Weiss seconded.

**MOTION PASSED TO REVISIT CONSENT AGENDA PROPOSAL FYI 102.**

This proposal had previously been tabled and was brought back. Additional information was requested from and provided by Dr. Bengston. It was agreed that the additional details answered the questions raised by the Committee last week. As there was no more discussion, a vote was taken.

Motion to approve FYI-102: Seidlitz; Strunk seconded

**MOTION TO APPROVE FYI-102 (Bengston) PASSES**

**V. Should the Committee Pursue a Change in the Foreign Language language?**

- \* Continue to follow up with Liesl.
- \* Jeff Ratliff-Crain reports EPC already actively looking at this.

**VI. Anticipated Timeline for New Gen. Ed. Curriculum**

- \*Mike Egan displayed a template for the semester switch. General discussion ensued.
- \*Several concerns expressed regarding timeline and the pressure that places on Gen. Ed.
- \*Consensus is that Gen. Ed. should have priority access to timeline information to allow them to act first as other departments may be fearful to proceed themselves if they don't know where the Gen. Ed. program is going.
- \*May have to split Gen. Ed. into sub-committees in order to work with the semester timeline.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS and DISCUSSION**

1. Sample Gen. Ed Models discussed and links provided. Committee is pleased that the Faculty values depth and breadth. Decisions need to be made that clarify what Gen. Ed. wants for students and which classes should be continued to be considered under the General Education umbrella.

**VIII. Brainstorm Survey Questions/”10 Minutes for Gen. Ed.” questions for the Faculty.**

1. Mike Egan will provide a listing of questions brainstormed to be discussed at next meeting.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Miller