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## Minutes, December 7, 2016

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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 7, 2016  
Olin 304**

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

Members Present: Mike Egan (Chair), Rob Elflin, Xiaowen Zhang, Kelvin Mason, Jeff Ratliff-Crain (XO), Lisa Seidlitz, Jamie Nordling, Gillian Lederman, Mamata Marmé, Christopher Strunk, Rachel Weiss, Amanda Wilmsmeyer, Eric Stewart.

Members Absent: Vanessa Beck (SGA), Luke Stoefen (SGA).

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

**I. MINUTES**

Motion – Eric Stewart moved **“to approve the minutes of the November 30th meeting as submitted.”**  
Mamata Marmé seconded.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 30th MEETING as submitted PASSED.**

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

**II. Gen Ed Curriculum Under Semesters**

**A. Synthesis of ideas shared in Spitball folder.**

\*Mike Egan composed a compilation handout of the ideas shared in the Spitball Folder. Discussion topics included diversity and the “D” suffix, reframing the CT requirement to possibly include more of an interfaith focus, using but not over-engaging community resources when structuring classes, and concerns about turning previously voluntary programs into class requirements. This is an ongoing discussion.

**B. Egan Proposal Discussion**

\*The committee discussed Mike’s proposal. Topics included the continuation of a CT, restricting certain classes and experiences based on student maturity and life-experiences, the “hands-off” nature of the current Gen Ed program, and studying abroad. This is an ongoing discussion.

\*Rob Elflin will draft a more developmental Gen Ed model as an alternative to Mike’s proposal, in order to provide additional ideas for further discussion at the next meeting.

**III. Gen Ed Curriculum Work Session: January 6, 2017**

Mike put out a call to committee members asking if they could meet over the Christmas Break for a work session to further discuss the future Gen Ed Curriculum, with the hopes of having something ready in Spring 2017. Mike will send out further communication to see how many would be willing and able to work on this over break.

**IV. Announcements from Academic Affairs**

\*No announcements at this time.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Miller