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Augustana College
Rock Island, IL

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

September 6, 2017
Olin 304

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

Members Present: Rob Elflin (Chair), Mike Egan, Jamie Nordling, Gillian Lederman, Jeff Ratliff-Crain (XO), Brian Katz, Chris Strunk, Amanda Wilmsmeyer, Stefanie Bluemle, Margaret Morse, Eric Stewart, Abrie Klink (SGA), Courtney Kampert (SGA).

Members Absent: Michael Salamone (SGA), Lisa Seidlitz.

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

I. Minutes

Motion – Mike Egan moved “**to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2017 meeting as submitted.**” Stefanie Bluemle seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the MINUTES of the AUGUST 30, 2017 meeting as submitted PASSED.

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

a. **G – ART 301 (Xiao) and PA – ART 301 (Xiao)** – Pulled off the Consent Agenda pending further discussion.

2. Course Approvals

a. **G – ART 301 (Xiao)**

The committee voted to take this item off the table. Concerns were again raised about the clarity of the perspectives that are to be used for the course. Members of the committee were confident that the instructor could certainly pull the course off with some guidance and clarity. After further discussion, the committee decided that it would again table the “G” aspect of this course and revisit it after Rob Elflin can meet with the instructor and convey the committee’s lingering questions and concerns about the “G”ness of the current proposal.

Motion to table **G – ART 301 (Xiao)**: Mike; Amanda Wilmsmeyer seconded.

MOTION TO TABLE G – ART 301 (Xiao) PASSED.

b. **PA – ART 301 (Xiao)**

Even though the committee had similar doubts about the “PA” proposal as with the “G” proposal for this course, the members felt that the instructor more successfully met the burden of explanation for this proposal with more breadth and clarity.

Motion to approve **PA – ART 301 (Xiao)**: Brian Katz moved; Eric Stewart seconded.
MOTION TO APPROVE PA – ART 301 (Xiao) PASSED.

3. Semester Transition Document

*Jamie Nordling expressed the need for language that addresses courses that are undergoing changes which might make them almost like their former iterations, but not exactly. Brian added that language is needed to reassure departments making course proposals during the transition that the expectation will be that their efforts will be approximate or the “best current plan.” This discussion is ongoing.

4. Formation of Working Groups for weeks 4,5, and 6.

*The committee assigned subgroups to work on course suffix definitions/clarifications. Rob distributed a calendar listing alternate meeting times for the special subgroups. Ongoing.

5. Working Groups for Departmental Reviews

*To be determined.

6. LP Approval Forms

*Pending.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. From the Registrar’s Office: After we transition to a four credit base, what will be our policy regarding awarding transfer credit to 3-credit Learning Perspective courses taught at other institutions?

*This is an ongoing discussion. Some concerns raised were the handling of transferring of Associates Degrees, costs, and the 3 to 4 credit questions. Rob will bring these concerns to the Registrar and Admissions to aid in further discussion.

2. Second Language Requirement

*Ongoing discussion.

IV. Announcements/Other Business

*No announcements or other business at this time.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Ann Miller