

General Education Committee Minutes: 4/9/2019

Present: Victor Piercey (Director), Khagendra Thapa (CET), Paul Zube (FNTFO), Angie Mishler (Academic Counselors), and Kristy Motz (FLITE).

Absent: Julie Ward (COHP), John Scott Gray (CAS), Jimmie Joseph (COB), Kathryn Wolfer (Senate Liaison), Jacob Pollak (COEHS), Amy Green (EIO), Leonard Johnson (Academic Affairs), and Clifton Franklund (Assessment Coordinator).

1. As there was not a quorum, we held a discussion of an issue raised by the COMM Proposals for CARE courses. The question was, if they are approved, how do they fit in to the COMM requirements? Do they replace an existing COMM course, and if so, which? We discussed the spirit of the current general education framework, the former Writing Intensive Course program, and the logistical problems associated with having alternative courses that replace ENGL 150 or 250.

The general conclusions were:

- Under the spirit of the new general education program, it is possible for an alternative course to replace ENGL 150/250 as COMM requirements, but much more discussion is needed with other stakeholders (including ELWL faculty) before we make such a determination.
 - If we were to make such a determination, the bar for approval should be quite high, and we doubted whether the CARE courses met that burden. We will vote on the CARE courses at the next meeting.
2. ARTH 390 (Diversity) was sent out for an electronic vote. The committee voted to approve – 4 votes to approve, 1 to revise and resubmit.