

**General Education Committee
Minutes**

December 8, 2014

Present:	Mark Jacobson	Bernie Quetchenbach
	Melinda Tilton	Kurt Toenjes
	Mike Havens	Tom Regele
	Leanne Gilbertsen	Patricia Nichols
	Rosemarie Dugi	Scott Harris
	Elizabeth Fullon	TyRee Jenks
	Florence Garcia (ex-officio)	Matthew Redinger (ex-officio)
Absent:	Matthew Queen	Jennifer Lynn*
	Jodi Lightner	Carissa Sorenson (student)*
	Wyatt Powell (student)	

*excused

Kurt Toenjes called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. in McMullen 305.

The minutes of November 10 were accepted as presented.

Dr. Toenjes noted that the proposal to approve BGEN 294 Study Abroad: Japan Trip one time only for General Education category IV. Cultural Diversity was approved by the Committee via email.

I. ITEMS – FIRST READING

Item 53.a Gen Ed Course: PHOT 154 Exploring Digital Photography. Submit for category V. A. Fine Arts.

It was noted that PHOT 154 is a strong candidate for the category. The course will only be offered online, and Sarah Knobel will teach it. If demand grows, other faculty in the department can teach it.

- Motion by Tom Regele, seconded by Bernie Quetchenbach to **approve Item 53.a and waive a second reading.**

- Motion carried.

Item 38 SCIN 102 Integrated Sciences Lab. Change credits from 0.5 to 1.

Item 38.a SCIN 104 Integrated Science Lab II. Change credits from 0.5 to 1.

It was cited that these two courses had an accompanying lab of half a credit in order to fit in Gen Ed. It made things messy for students transferring. This change mainly affects education majors, and this change will help the students meet their requirements in a timely manner.

- Motion by Melinda Tilton, seconded by Tom Regele to **approve Items 38 and 38.a and waive a second reading.**

- Motion carried.

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Gen Ed Assessment Conference: February 19-21, 2015, in Kansas City, Missouri (register by January 7 for discount rate)

We do need to send one or two people. Melinda Tilton, Bernie Quetchenbach, and Mike Havens all indicated interest.

Matt Redinger, Vice Provost, noted that the Chancellor's Student Success Committee will need feedback on Gen Ed, since they will likely recommend that Gen Ed be revised over the next five years.

B. ETS Test continued discussion

It was reported that the Academic Senate was in favor of using the test. After the meeting took place, a subcommittee decided this quota thing per college was the solution. The Chancellor agreed that this responsibility should fall to the Deans. However, ultimately the implementation will fall to the faculty, and it has not gotten done in the past.

Rosemarie Dugi reported that she had 80 student-teachers present to take the test, and after she explained that it is not required but it helps the University and students get the gift card reward, only 21 students stayed and took the test.

It was agreed that, if possible, Mike Havens and Dr. Toenjes will attend a Deans Meeting to discuss their plans.

C. Future Study Abroad Courses in Gen Ed

It was agreed we should see how the Japan Trip course works before we discuss this topic further.

Scott Harris reported that they need 10 students to run the trip, and they currently have 6. Since it is set as an intersession course, we need students to register by the end of this week. At this point, we are not even asking for a deposit in case the trip has to be cancelled. The estimated cost is \$3,600, but will vary with the exchange rate.

D. The Reduced Gen Ed Core (31 credits): How is it working?

We do need to decide what measures we will use to evaluate the 31 credit core.

It was noted that several departments are now including WRIT 201 in their majors.

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rita J. Rabe Meduna.