



**General Education Committee  
Minutes**

December 10, 2021

- Present:** Bernie Quetchenbach  
 Josh Hill  
 Mara Pierce  
 Jason Comer  
 Jeff Willardson  
 Brian Gurney  
 Megan Thomas
- Melinda Tilton  
 Emily Arendt  
 Rachel Schaffer  
 Sarah Friedman  
 Cori Day  
 Lance Mouser
- Absent:** Tien Chih  
 \*excused  
 Scott Jeppesen\*
- Guests:** Jana Marcette  
 Keith Edgerton  
 Char Ogborn  
 Kathleen Thatcher

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. in COE 323 with some members attending via webex.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 19 and December 7 were accepted as corrected.

II. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

HONR 205: Honors Inquiry and Research	Added	12/1/2021
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- Motion by Cori Day, seconded by Rachel Schaffer to **approve the HONR 205 proposal.**

Jana Marcette, Director of the Honors Program, noted that this course is intended to move from instructor to instructor, based on faculty members' research. Community members doing research, who are qualified to teach, can even do this course. However, Dr. Marcette is the back-up instructor, should the need arise. Ambrin Masood will teach it this Spring, and Sue Balter-Reitz has also expressed interest in teaching it.

The question was raised as to students served. Dr. Marcette responded that the course will only be offered in Spring, but should serve 20 students. She also noted that this course will not be restricted to Honors students. Any student can register for it.

The question was raised as to whether this research course should have WRIT 101 as a prerequisite. It was noted that most students in Honors already have college-level writing skills. Students will likely self-select into this course based on their abilities. Also, the GEC has agreed that no Gen Ed courses should have college-level prerequisite.

- Motion carried.

HSTR 101: Western Civilization I	Deleted	12/1/2021
HSTR 159: World History to 1500 CE	Added	12/1/2021
HSTR 160: Modern World History	Added	12/1/2021

- Motion by Rachel Schaffer, seconded by Jason Comer to **approve the HSTR 101, 159, and 160 proposals.**

Keith Edgerton, History, noted that the deletion of HSTR 102 is on its way, but a fluke of CourseLeaf has separated it from HSTR 101.

Dr. Edgerton stated that they are really only re-titling the existing Western Civilization I and II, in keeping with other universities across the country. HSTR 160 already exists at Bozeman, so they used that title and created a new course for the first part of the series. Staffing is the same as before. Emily Arendt noted that the courses already discuss all of civilization, without the Western/European bias; i.e., these changes reflect what is already being taught.

- Motion carried.

HTH 110: Personal Health and Wellness	Edited	12/1/2021
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- Motion by Mara Pierce, seconded by Sarah Friedman to **approve the HTH 110 proposal.**

Jeff Willardson, Health & Human Performance, stated that these changes to the course will better meet the needs of our students in the pandemic age. The corequisite course added will basically be like a lab, where they will apply the concepts they learn in HTH 110.

- Motion carried.

BIOB 122: Fund Bio: Evltn/Eclgy/Biodvsty	Deleted	12/8/2021
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The deletion of BIOB 122 was received for information.

### III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

#### **A. Curriculum Mapping**

The Committee broke into subgroups to finish analysis of the mapping.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rita J. Rabe Meduna.