

**General Education Committee (GEC)**  
**Minutes**  
**October 13, 2021**

**Voting Members Present:** Bert Greenwalt, Ronald Sitton (proxy for Lillie Fears), Zahid Hossain, Katherine Baker, Deborah Chappel-Daniel, David Harding, Ferebee Tunno, Bethany Gallimore, Maggie Hance, Martin Huss, Susi Snellgrove (proxy for Sarah Davidson), Rebecca Oliver

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Karen Wheeler

**Members Absent:** Gary Edwards, Joseph Loar, Gauri Guha (Resigned and position not yet reappointed)

**Non-Members Present:** Mary Elizabeth Spence (Office of Assessment), Kevin Hennings (Office of Assessment)

Meeting called to order 3:30 p.m.

- I. Motion to approve September 29, 2021 meeting minutes: Katherine Baker. Bethany Gallimore. Passed.
- II. Tabled discussion on Chemistry/Physics Curriculum Memos
  1. PHYS 2054 Course description updated
  2. PHYS 2034 Course description updated
  3. PHSC 1203 prerequisite
  4. PHYS 1103 prerequisite
    - ii. Discussion held on adding math prerequisites to these courses. Review of data submitted by John Hershberger.
      - a. The Committee needs Dr. Hershberger or someone else from the department present to discuss the data.
      - b. Presents larger question about whether general education courses should have prerequisites.
      - c. Motion to table: Martin Huss. Second: Katherine Baker. Passed.
        - i. David Harding will reach-out to John Hershberger with issues raised in the discussion and request his presence at the next meeting.
- III. 2021 Quadrennial Assessment Reports Update
  - a. All 6 have been received, as has the Interim Report from PHYS 2054
  - b. Subcommittee Assignments
  - c. Subcommittee Meetings to begin week of October 25<sup>th</sup>
- IV. GE Taskforce Open Discussion
  - a. Discussion held.
  - b. Action item: David Harding suggests an open comment period on the proposal prior to GEC action. Goal is to get feedback back privately to GEC, and only after this feedback will GEC take a formal vote.

- i. Maggie Hance suggests a Qualtrics survey.
  - a. Include general questions about gen ed such as “do you think gen ed needs to change?” along with some specific information about ideas for themes, etc.
  - b. Motion to approve: Katherine Baker. Second: Maggie Hance. Passed.
    - i. Zahid will revise the Gen Ed Task Force PowerPoint to prepare it for the Qualtrics survey.
    - ii. Mary Elizabeth will send the survey and revised Gen Ed Task Force PowerPoint to the Committee for review prior to sending it out.

Motion to adjourn: Deborah Chappel-Daniel. Second: Katherine Baker. Passed.  
Meeting adjourned 4:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 27, 2021 @ 3:30 pm

### **Important Dates**

#### Quadrennial Assessment Report Due—October 4, 2021:

- ART 2503, Fine Arts Visual (Received 10/4/21)
- MUS 2503, Fine Arts Musical (Received 9/10/21)
- THEA 2503, Fine Arts Theatre (Received 8/30/21)
- ENG 2003, World Literature to 1660 (Received 10/4/21)
- ENG 2013, World Literature Since 1660 (Received 10/4/21)
- PHIL 1103, Introduction to Philosophy (Received 10/4/21)

#### Interim Assessment Report Due—August 31, 2021:

- PHYS 2054 Interim Report (Received 8/30/21)