**General Education Committee  
Meeting Agenda  
March 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.   
Zoom   
Members Present:** Gauri Guha, Ferebee Tunno, David Harding, Robert Schichler, Bert Greenwalt, Bethany Gallimore, Katherine Baker, Rebecca Oliver, Zahid Hossain, Martin Huss  
**Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Members Present:** Summer DeProw, Karen Wheeler  
**Staff Support:** Madeline Prestidge, Mary Elizabeth Spence   
**Guest:** David Saarnio   
**Proxy:** Maggie Hance

1. Minutes from December 14, 2020   
   Motion: Guha  
   2nd: Hossain   
   The meeting minutes were approved.
2. General Education Taskforce Update – Dr. David Saarnio

* The taskforce submitted a report to the Provost in December. The group would like to build a thematic general education program, maintaining the necessary categories and high-impact course opportunities to give students cohesion and faculty the opportunity to work together more often.
* Examples for consideration: diversity and globalization, health and well-being, technology and society, etc.
* The committee plans to get faculty on board by having open discussions with them, creating suggestions, etc.
* **Questions and Comments:**- How is assessment being considered? Assessment has not been discussed in great detail yet, but is on the taskforce’s radar to present when they have more concise ideas to present.   
  - Do you have any students on the taskforce? At this time, no; the taskforce intends to present more developed ideas to students, then opening discussion.   
  - How does the taskforce envision revising goals and objectives of general education? The taskforce has talked about tweaking goals, and a discussion over objectives is impending.   
  -What is the vision on how this will be rolled out? While there is not a strict timeline at this point, the taskforce is focusing on establishing a solid foundation first. They would like to test these courses and see how students like them.   
  -Would the GEC committee be a part of this rollout? Yes, the taskforce hopes to include the GEC committee in the process.

1. Discuss Meeting Time – Spring 2021   
   This date and time works well for the committee for the meetings for the semester.
2. Biology Assessment Plan Motion and Vote regarding

BIOL 1003 – Biological Sciences  
BIO 2103 – Microbiology for Nursing and Allied Health   
BIO 2013 – Biology of the Cell  
BIO 1063 – People and the Environment   
BIO 2203 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I   
BIO 1503 – Biology of Plants

Motion to approve the assessment plan as shown in the documents submitted for Biology 1003, 1063, 1503, 2013, 2103, 2203. No interim follow-up with the committee is requested at this time. However, we request that the Biology Department edit the reflective questions per recommendations in the subcommittee reports. We also recommend conducting a pilot test of the revised reflective and content questions and carefully analyze results for efficacy.  
Motion: Huss  
2nd: Baker  
 Passed unanimously.

1. Chemistry Report by Sub-Committee 3   
   CHEM 1013 – General Chemistry I   
   CHEM 1043 – Fundamentals of Chemistry  
   PHSC 1203 – Physical Science

Motion to

1) Request that action plans for all three of these courses be submitted by April 30, 2021.

2) Remind the department to include details on all data collected during the assessment process. There is no requirement to amend the reports submitted during this assessment cycle, but future interim reports should include data from the most recent semesters and additional Fall 2019-Spring 2022 data for all courses with next quadrennial review (October 3, 2022).

Motion: Oliver  
2nd: Tunno  
Passed unanimously.

1. Mathematics Report Update from Assessment Office  
   MATH 1203 – College Algebra

* Extension requested

1. Review College of Science and Mathematics Documents for April Meeting