

General Education Faculty Senate Report for 10/20/2023

Recommended Action Items:

- We recommend a motion to approve the requested General Education changes submitted by the Arts and Letters department. This would apply across all programs.
 - Adding PHIL 135: Introduction to Ethics to Gen Ed Area 10 - Human Societies and Experiences
 - Adding PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy to Area 10 - Human Societies and Experiences
 - Removing PHIL 129: The New Testament from the Humanities Grid as it has not been taught for several years and there are no plans to teach it in the near future.
- We recommend a motion to approve adopting the attached process and form for embedding General Education outcomes into other programs beginning now and into the future.

Information Items:

- The committee is taking up a review of the INT 300 level course structure and plans to recommend an updated structure for upper division general education requirements by the end of the year. This new general education structure should be more in line with how other institutions approach upper division general education, or core requirements, across the state. Hearing recommendations from departments would be very welcome. Associate VP for Faculty Success Amber Donnelly and Dean Mary Doucette have given their blessing to this initiative.
- Below are the minutes from our last meeting.

General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

9/20/2023

10am GTA 128 in Elko and over Zoom

**Members in attendance: Chair, Ethan Hawkley, Members, Daniel Bergey, Ping Wang, Tamara Mette, John Rice, Brandy Nielsen, Brian Zeiszler
Ex officio, Deanna Hamilton**

1. Review of Gen Ed bylaws
 - After reviewing the bylaws our conversation emphasized that our charge is to make recommendations to the full senate for their approval. We do not ourselves approve anything.
2. Vote on Proposal from Arts and Letters Department
 - The committee unanimously voted to recommend approval to the full Senate.
3. Discussion and vote on Gen Ed embedment procedure attached to the email
 - Due to confusion and issues that have been caused by irregular embedment processes in the past, we considered and voted on recommendations for a new process designed

by last year's GE committee. The committee unanimously agreed to recommend the new process to the full Senate for approval.

- Chair Hawkley agreed to review the embedment form that was made last year and send it out to the rest of the committee for their review and vote before Friday 9/22/23.
 - If the form passes we plan to submit this as an action item at our next faculty senate meeting.
4. Anything else?
- The committee agreed that we would like to review the INTs this year so that we can ensure our upper-division Gen-Ed courses are transferable across the NSHE system.
 - We will present this as an information item to the full faculty at our next meeting.