

General Education Faculty Senate Report for 2/16/24

The Gen Ed Committee met on January 24, 2024 and we have been in email contact since that meeting to put some finishing touches on a few initiatives.

Our next meeting will take place on February 28, 2024 at 10am. Please have your materials to us no later than February 21, 2024 for consideration at that meeting.

Recommended Action Items:

- We recommend a motion to approve the following courses as Upper-Division General Education Mastery Course options
 - For Structure of Societies
 - ANTH 307, ANTH 332, HIST 303, HIST 312, HIST 341, PSY 313
 - For Scientific Reasoning
 - GEOL 335
 - For Humanities
 - HUM 301
 - For Mathematical Reasoning
 - MATH 389
- We recommend a motion to approve the following change to the General Education Certificate
 - The GBC General Education Certificate, which is a 30 credit Gen-Ed stackable certificate, currently requires two Math classes, Math 126 and Math 127, but because our Gen-Ed grid only requires Math 120 or higher, Dean Doucette proposed a change to require only one of these three Math courses (Math 120, 126, or 127), which opens up an additional elective for students seeking this certificate. Math approved this change.

Our meeting minutes and subsequent actions are documented below.

General Education Committee Minutes

1/24/24

10 am in HTC 121 in Elko and over Zoom [Here](#)

In Attendance: Chair, Ethan Hawkley; Members, Brandy Nielsen, Brian Zeiszler, Ping Wang, Tom Bruns, Daniel Bergey, Tami Mette, John Rice; Ex-officio members, Deanna Hamilton,

Excused: Mary Doucette

1. Review of Last Meeting
 - [12/13/23 Minutes](#) were approved

2. Vote/Discussion on 300 level courses
 - These courses were approved for the Gen Ed INT replacement grid:
 - ANTH 307, ANTH 332, HIST 303, HIST 312, HIST 341, PSY 313
 - GEOL 335
 - These courses were approved pending reception of outcomes and measures grids
 - HUM 301
 - MATH 389
 - (These grids were submitted and approved via email, see below)
 - The HSC 300 issue was discussed in depth
 - There was no vote because, based on the structure of the Gen Ed system approved last semester, Mathematical Reasoning Outcomes are under the jurisdiction of the Math Department.
 - Math denied the inclusion of HSC 300 into the grid under Mathematical Reasoning
 - The committee requests that Math provide a formal justification for the denial.
 - Tami and Ping also suggested that Daniel Murphree, as chair of the Math department, meet with Tami and Staci Wernert.
3. Deanna on an embedment issue in CTE
 - The committee voted that if a course with embedded gen ed gets waived for a student that student must take another course that meets those gen ed requirements to graduate.
4. We approved the English Gen Ed student substitution presented by Brian
5. Our meeting times for future meetings will be
 - Feb 28, March 20, and April 24th all at 10am
 - These are the 4th Wednesday except for March because of Spring Break

The General Education Certificate proposal was sent by Dean Doucette to Ethan Hawkley on January 29, 2024 and approved by the committee via email vote on February 1, 2024.

Ethan Hawkley met as mediator with Daniel Murphree from Math and Tami Mette and Staci Wernert from Health Sciences on January 30th 2024. We intend to submit a report of this meeting to Faculty Senate in March.

The assessment grids for HUM 301 and MATH 389 were both submitted to Ethan Hawkley and they were voted on and approved by the committee on February 12, 2024.