

MINUTES
General Education Committee
October 12, 2023
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Montecito Room

Members present: Steve Butler (Professor of Music), David Hunter (Professor of Mathematics), Jana Mayfield Mullen (Director, Library & Information Services), Tatiana Nazarenko (Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness), Felicia Song (Professor of Sociology), Tara Sturges (Recording Secretary, Associate Registrar)

Absent: Michelle Hardley (Registrar)

Guests Present:

I. Prayer - Felicia Song

II. The minutes from September 21, 2023

The minutes from September 21, 2023, were unanimously approved with minor corrections.

III. Understanding Society Update: David Hunter

Findings from the Understanding Society assessment meeting were reported. The committee discussed whether the reflection aspect should continue to be assessed and remain in the certification criteria. It was agreed that this should be removed from future rubrics but kept in the certification criteria. A note will be included in a report to the PRC that assessment of Christian framework will not be included in the rubric and the language in the GE Combined Document updated to reflect that this element be an aspirational goal. Committee members will review the PRC report prior to its delivery.

IV. POL-113 Syllabus (revised version)

After discussion and deliberation, the committee unanimously approved the revised POL-113 course to fulfill the JRD GE requirement. The Political Science department will be informed that a separate proposal needs to be submitted to request approval for the course to also fulfill the WSI requirement and that they can reach out to Sarah Skripsy for guidance.

V. POL-108 Syllabus; POL-108 Submission Form

The committee will request that revisions be made to the POL-108 syllabus such that it follows the GE syllabus template, remove the speech notations, and demonstrate that peer review and rewrites will be required.

VI. QAR syllabi audit

Discussion postponed to the next meeting.

VII. Writing-Intensive syllabi audit

Next steps were discussed. An updated rubric was provided with a slightly different numbering system from prior audits. Individual spreadsheets for audit reporting are forthcoming in anticipation that the audit might be completed by the end of November.

VIII. Other business

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sturges