

MINUTES
General Education Committee
January 23, 2025
8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Kerrwood Hall Conference Room

Members present: Gregg Afman (Professor of Kinesiology), Heather Keaney (Professor of History), Jana Mayfield Mullen (Director, Library & Information Services), Tatiana Nazarenko (Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness), Tara Sturges (Recording Secretary, Associate Registrar), Telford Work (Chair, Professor of Religious Studies)

Absent: Michelle Hardley (Registrar)

I. Review and discussion of the GE proposals to the Academic Senate regarding the Writing-/Speech-Intensive GE area

The committee considered two proposals to present to Academic Senate regarding the update the W/SI GE category. Conversation included the following topics:

- Impact on faculty
- Training of faculty outside of Communication Studies department
- Assessment pros and cons
- The need for certification criteria and language for the GE Combined Document
- Potential courses and their available seats (specific data pending)
- CAL-GETC Standards: English Communication
- GE Committee member attendance at the Academic Senate meeting on January 30, 2025

After discussion, the committee members voted to pursue the proposal to decouple the WI and SI requirements, changing the language to Written Communication and Oral Communication. Further work is needed to finalize the petition, and this work is planned for the committee's next meeting on January 28, 2025.

II. Other Business

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sturges