

MINUTES
General Education Committee
November 17, 2022
3:15-4:45 pm
Montecito Room

Members present: Theresa Covich (Instructional Services Librarian), Steve Hodson (Professor of Music), Tatiana Nazarenko (Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness), Carmel Saad (Professor of Psychology), Felicia Song (Professor of Sociology & Anthropology), Tara Sturges (Assistant Registrar, Recording Secretary)

Guests Present: Tim Van Haitsma (Professor of Kinesiology), Dave Wolf (Professor of Kinesiology)

I. No prayer was offered.

II. Minutes of November 3, 2022.

The committee members unanimously approved the minutes from November 3, 2022.

III. PE requirement in the GE Curriculum: Tim Van Heitsma and Dave Wolf

Tim and Dave presented information concerning the benefits and rationale behind requiring 4 units of PEA in Westmont's General Education. The committee discussed whether a reduction in this requirement should be pursued. Committee members agree with the psychological and physiological benefits of physical activity as mentioned by Tim and Dave and are considering whether to propose reducing the requirement to 3 units due to the number of GE requirements and the cost for adjuncts to instruct the PEA courses. Tatiana mentioned that Provost Kim Denu has suggested that the GE Committee prepare a proposal for the Senate, as it is up to the Senate to review curricular issues and bring them to faculty meetings for voting. Kim will also discuss this issue with the Executive team. All committee members were asked to prepare a paragraph to this effect for the next GE Committee .

Action Item: Tatiana would like to review the data concerning the number of students who take more than one PEA unit per term (requires petition) and the number of students who request to take their PEA course for Pass/No Credit instead of a letter grade. Tara will ask Michelle Hardley about obtaining this data.

IV. Articulation agreement and 2-year colleges' syllabi: Steve

The committee discussed the transfer agreement/articulation webpage on the Westmont website to discern whether the GE Committee is involved in the review of syllabi from other institutions and how those courses transfer to Westmont. It was confirmed that the Student Records Office maintains and reviews these articulations, with periodic reviews and updates on a two-year cycle.

V. NUR-260 syllabus

The committee did not discuss this item due to time constraints.

VI. NUR-290 syllabus

The committee did not discuss this item due to time constraints.

VII. NUR-295 syllabus; NUR-295 submission form

The committee did not discuss this item due to time constraints.

VIII. Understanding Society syllabus audit (Google drive)

The committee did not discuss this item due to time constraints.

IX. Working Artistically Syllabus audit (Google drive)

The committee did not discuss this item due to time constraints.

X. Other business

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sturges