

MINUTES
General Education Committee
April 13, 2023
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Montecito Room

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

Absent: Andrea Gurney (Professor of Psychology), Michelle Hardley (Registrar)

I. Prayer: Tatiana Nazarenko

II. The minutes from March 30, 2023

The committee members unanimously approved the minutes from March 30, 2023.

III. The GE Combined document modification by the Senate.

The GE Committee discussed the suggestions made by the Senate by the GE Combined document. This conversation will be continued.

IV. PSY-118 Syllabus; PSY-118 Submission Form; Rationale

The committee did not approve this course for fulfilling the Understanding Society Common Inquiry due to its focus on individual family connections instead of overarching societal and systemic impacts and connections.

V. Serving Society area update:

Tatiana met with Angela D'Amour to discuss the Serving Society requirement moving forward. They discussed the possibility that Student Life might be responsible for tracking and reporting student completion of this requirement. The next step is to meet with the larger group to receive recommendations. Steve Hodson will email Angela D'Amour and Tatiana to set up a follow-up meeting toward the end of August to create a proposal to present to the Senate in Fall 2023 so that it can be presented before the entire faculty in January 2024. Individuals to be invited include Paul Bradford, Angela D'Amour, Steve Hodson, Scott Lisea, Taylor Mache, Tatiana Nazarenko, Rick Ostrander, Jeff Shaffer, Tara Sturges, and others.

VI. The P.E. Student survey update: Tatiana

Steve Hodson proposed that the number of responses from the P.E. Student survey was insufficient to make decisions concerning this requirement, and the committee members unanimously agreed. Ideas were discussed concerning other ways to obtain further responses (e.g., QR code in the lunch line, faculty recruiting students in class). Felicia suggested that Student Life might add this survey to their agenda/orientation activities for student leaders at the beginning of the Fall 2023 semester.

VII. Working Artistically Update: Felicia

Felicia noted that the date for the assessment meeting is May 10, 2023, and all associated department chairs will attend. It has been requested that these individuals send their assessment data to Tatiana by May 1, 2023. Tatiana will schedule the room for this meeting.

VII. Understanding Society

Andrea Gurney reported that not enough department chairs could attend the scheduled meeting to create a quorum. After discussion, it was decided that Tatiana would conduct this assessment due to Andrea's schedule conflicts preventing her from finishing.

VIII. The GE Combined document modification for JRD (on Google Drive)

The committee unanimously approved the language for the JRD as presented in the GE Combined Document, with an anticipated assessment and revision after two years.

IX. Other Business

Draft: General Education Committee Report to Faculty, Spring, 2023: Steve Hodson prepared a document for Jesse Covington concerning the GE Committee's activities this year. The committee members reviewed the document and suggested updated language for the section addressing assessment activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sturges

