

Council on General Education Minutes

March 4, 2025

10:00-11:00 a.m., STV 140

Presiding: Gregory Ferrence

Present: Brian Aitken, Allison Antink Meyer, Linda Clemmons, Gregory Ferrence, Amy Hurd, Katie Krcmarik, Julie Murphy, Joshua Newport, and Rocio Rivadeneyra

Ferrence called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Action Items:

1. ART 175 Gender and Identity in Art & Visual Culture (existing course proposed for FA designation)

The proposal was submitted by Dr. Melissa Johnson, Professor, Wonsook Kim School of Art.

Ferrence informed the Council the course was an existing course that had already been approved for the IDEAS designation. The School would now like to add the FA designation to the course. Ferrence added an updated syllabus had been sent yesterday to Council members by Simmons. The new syllabus had been updated to include the course objective alignments to the designation's learning outcomes.

Krcmarik explained the School is wanting to add additional seats in General Education in the FA designation. Based on initial conversations regarding the change in budget modeling, the School would like to be proactive and explore other options as its current Art History course is already a heavy lift in this designation. The instructor is willing to make this course a General Education course and already teaches ART 176 which has the FA designation.

Ferrence and Rivadeneyra noted the General Education rationale and alignment piece was missing from the proposal. Hurd responded that the course proposal moved quickly through the process and that the information was put in the syllabus which also included an expanded course description. Rivadeneyra and Clemmons noted the Council had set the precedent with other proposals of sending them back for the missing rationale and added an alignment to the FA designation learning objectives would be nice to include as well.

Ferrence agreed and asked if the Council should share the alignment provided in the CJS 105 proposal as an example for the School to use. Antink Meyer thought that may not be a good idea as the proposal has not been approved yet by the Council. Other members agreed. Krcmarik will speak to Johnson about the Council's concerns and suggestions.

Action was tabled until the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

2. CJS 105 Violence in America (new course proposed for ICL designation)

The proposal was submitted by Jazmyn Niembazaa, Advisor, Department of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Ferrence reminded members the course had previously been tabled by the Council several times as it could not determine which designation the department wanted to request. The documentation provided at that time made mention of both the ICL and SS designations. The department verified they wanted to propose the course for the ICL designation and provided documentation that included their

alignment to the ICL designation's learning objectives. Ferrence noted it was much easier to review with the provided alignment and expressed thanks to the department for their effort.

Antink Meyer mentioned she had never fully understood the ICL category but felt the course seemed to be a good fit. Council members agreed the current category definitions and learning objectives were confusing to understand and expressed understanding for the confusion departments had when trying to propose new courses.

Action was tabled until the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

Discussion/Update Items:

3. HIS 110 Course Proposal

At the last meeting, the Council tabled the proposal for revision as it did not include a statement regarding the General Education rationale/alignment. Hurd informed members the Council had also reviewed the proposal in November. At that time, the Council had felt the information, while not in a separate document, was present and did not ask for that additional information. Hurd noted the department provided the information the Council requested of them from the November meeting. Hurd asked the Council how it wanted to proceed.

Upon further discussion, it was determined the department had not provided the additional details the Council asked for and that an alignment was needed. Hurd will reach back out to the department.

4. Curriculum Software Update

Hurd informed Council members that the Course Dog implementation was moving along. The Registrar's Office has finished process mapping and sent the information to the vendor. There will be a kickoff meeting with the vendor later this week to discuss next steps.

5. General Education Revision Update

Hurd informed Council members the proposal had been passed by the Academic Affairs Committee and would be introduced to the Academic Senate floor tomorrow. The Academic Senate have held two meetings to discuss the revision with Chair Horst hoping to vote on it at the first April meeting.

Aitken asked how the Committee vote went. Hurd informed him of the 11 members, two were absent, eight voted yes and one voted no. Aitken asked if the Committee had made changes to the proposal. Rivadeneyra noted the changes made were the ones discussed at the last Council meeting with the Academic Affairs Committee chair.

6. Recognition of Gregory Braswell

Ferrence informed Council members Braswell had been asked to resign from the Council by the Academic Senate as he recently became a Senator of the Academic Senate. Per policy, Senators cannot serve on an external committee at the same time they serve on the Academic Senate. Ferrence thanked Braswell for his service to the Council.

Meeting adjourned: 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Soemer Simmons