

**Council on General Education Minutes**

**March 5, 2024**

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

**Presiding:** Gregory Ferrence

**Present:** Brian Aitken, Allison Antink Meyer, Gregory Braswell, Linda Clemmons, Gregory Ferrence, Amy Hurd, Josh Newport, Brian Rejack, and Haiyan Xie

Hurd called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Ferrence took over meeting at 10:05 a.m.

**Action Items:**

**1. CSD 212 Hearing Science and Audiology (existing course proposed for SMT designation)**

The course was proposed by Dr. Antony Joseph, Associate Professor, Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders.

Ferrence reminded Council members the proposal had been discussed at the previous meeting, but the Council was unable to take action due to losing quorum during the meeting. Ferrence asked if there was any additional discussion or questions regarding the proposal.

Braswell made a motion to approve CSD 212 for the SMT designation. Antink Meyer seconded.

All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion passed.

**2. MUS 239A55 Ensemble: Traditional American Music (new course proposed for FA designation)**

The course was proposed by Dr. Adriana Ransom, Director, School of Music.

Rivadeneyra asked if ensemble meant the course focused on playing music. Ferrence confirmed that was the case. Aitken pointed out that there are currently nine other 239 courses. Three of them are approved for General Education while six do not have a designation. Ferrence suggested the difference may have to do with the frequency the courses are offered. Aitken thought it could be plausible and that he thought the course was in the same lane as the other three courses that are already approved. He added the course wouldn't really impact enrollment as the course typically does not get non-majors enrolling in it. Ferrence and Rivadeneyra agreed the proposal seemed reasonable.

A motion was made by Newport to approve MUS 239A55 for the FA designation. Aitken seconded.

All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion passed.

**Discussion Item:**

**3. General Education Revision Update**

Ferrence asked Hurd if the General Education revision proposal would be coming before the Council soon for review. Hurd responded the Executive Committee of the General Education Task Force was doing a final review of the proposal later today and she hoped to have their approval to forward it to the Council on March 19. She suggested moving the Council meeting scheduled for March 19 to March 26 in order to give Council members time to review the proposal prior to meeting to discuss. Council members agreed. Simmons will cancel the March 19 meeting and schedule one for March 26.

Ferrence asked for clarification regarding the timeline and procedure. Hurd explained that once the Council reviews the proposal, if it is approved, it would then be sent to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) for their review. Following UCC review, if approved, the proposal would then be sent to the Academic Senate for review. Based on timing, Hurd thought the proposal would not make it to the Academic Senate for their review until fall.

Newport made a motion to adjourn. Rivadeneyra seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Soemer Simmons