

Council on General Education Minutes

March 18, 2025

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

Presiding: Gregory Ferrence

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

Ferrence called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Action Items:

1. Approval of November 12, 2024 Minutes

2. Approval of February 18, 2025 Minutes

3. Approval of March 4, 2025 Minutes

Ferrence asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as presented. There were no corrections. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. 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 been reviewed previously by the Council. The Council had tabled the proposal for additional information from the department regarding the designation they wished to pursue as both ICL and SS were listed in the proposal. The department provided verification that they wished to pursue the ICL designation.

A motion was made by Rivadeneyra to approve CJS 105 for the ICL designation. Seconded by Murphy.

All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion passed.

5. 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.

Hurd reminded members the proposal had previously been reviewed by Council meetings. The Council had tabled it for additional information as it was missing the General Education supporting documentation. Johnson provided the supporting documentation to Hurd who shared with the Council. Antink Meyer and Aitken felt the course description lined up with the designation requirements.

A motion was made by Aitken to approve ART 175 for the FA designation. Seconded by Krcmarik.

All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion passed.

6. HIS 110 Race and African American Life (new course proposed for UST designation)

The course was proposed by Ron Gifford, Director of Academic Programs, Department of History

Hurd reminded members the course had been before the Council several times previously and had been tabled for additional information regarding missing General Education support documentation and a question regarding the department's intent to pursue the IDEAS designation. The department provided the General Education to Hurd who shared it with the Council.

Rivadenebra asked if the department was going to pursue the IDEAS designation. Hurd responded the department did not wish to pursue the designation. Antink Meyer felt based on the documentation provided, the course aligned with the UST designation objectives.

A motion was made by Antink Meyer to approve HIS 110 for the UST designation. Seconded by Murphy.

All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion passed.

Discussion/Update Items:

7. Council Membership Update

At the last meeting, the Council was unable to conduct business due to the lack of quorum. Ferrence informed members that the four student members had been removed from the Council in accordance with the Academic Senate's removal policy regarding attendance. There are currently 13 seated members on the Council which now requires seven members in attendance for quorum.

8. Course Dog Update

Hurd informed Council members that the Course Dog implementation was moving along.

9. General Education Revision Update

Hurd informed Council members the revision proposal was discussed on the floor of the Academic Senate for about an hour during its meeting last week. According to Hurd, most of the questions were focused on the Science/Math requirement and experiential learning. Ferrence asked if the questions were from the faculty or student senators. Hurd responded that most of the questions were from the faculty senators but that the two questions posed by the student senators were good. She added one of their questions was regarding the ALEKS math placement exam and brought up a scenario that had not been considered.

Ferrence asked if the Academic Senate would be voting on the proposal at its next meeting on March 26. Hurd responded she thought that meeting had been designated as another meeting for discussion and that the Academic Senate planned to vote on the proposal at its April 9 meeting.

A motion was made by Rivadenebra to adjourn. Seconded by Hurd.

Meeting adjourned: 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Soemer Simmons