

# FHSU General Education Committee

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## Minutes

### Meeting Called by

Bradley Will, Chair

**Date:** Thursday November 7, 2019

**Time:** 3:30-5:00

**Location:** Rarick Hall 113

### Members

Douglas Drabkin (AHSS)

Marcella Marez (AHSS)

Jessica Heronemus (BE)

David Schmidt (BE)

Sarah Broman (Ed)

Phillip Olt (Ed)

Trey Hill (HBS)

Glen McNeil (HBS)

Joe Chretien (STM)

Lanee Young (STM)

Robyn Hartman (Lib)

Helen Miles (Senate)

Michael Musgrove (SGA)

Cheryl Duffy (Goss Engl)

Tanya Smith (Grad Sch)

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3:31 (1 minute) All members were present with the exception of Chretien, McNeil, and Smith. Miles served as proxy for McNeil, and Heronemus served as proxy for Smith. Determined that a quorum was met.

3:32 (2 minutes) Chair reported that the CORE program policies and procedures were put to a vote in faculty senate on Tuesday. [It was approved unanimously.](#)

3:34 (4 minutes) Chair reported that the Provost will announce at the next academic council meeting that the CORE program -- outcomes, policies, and procedures -- is officially approved. This meeting may not occur, however, for ten days or so.

3:38 (3 minutes) Chair noted that the course approval process has not yet moved over from Lotus Notes to Workday, and that this may have the effect of requiring a delay in approval of CORE courses. This is because the transition from Lotus Notes to Workday while courses are still in-process will require a manual transferal of documents, and this may slow down the transition. We are advised not to encourage the initiation of too many course proposals just yet.

3:41 (5 minutes) Chair noted that the two sign language courses approved last week for inclusion into the current general education program (not the CORE program) under the liberal arts/distribution/humanities category, SLP 320 Basic Sign Language and SLP 420 Advanced Sign Language, are both 3 hour courses. Together they come to 6 credit hours. The language courses currently accepted under this category, however, are 5 hour courses. So the sign language

courses would collectively count for 1 credit hour more than the language courses currently accepted for general education credit. Chair asked if this is acceptable. The committee answered, by unanimous vote, yes.

3:46 (10 minutes) Chair shared handouts he intends to bring to the SGA student senate meeting tonight outlining in rough sketch form what the CORE program entails.

3:56 (11 minutes) Chair informed the committee that the current requirement that students take an upper-level interdisciplinary course is not, strictly speaking, a "general education requirement," but a "graduation requirement," (that just happens to have been overseen for decades by the general education committee and included on lists of general education requirements). So the question is what should become of this graduation requirement. Given that it is not, strictly speaking, part of the general education program, the general education committee, strictly speaking, has no say as to whether this requirement is removed. That said, the committee took a straw poll on what we thought of the matter, and the vote was unanimous that the requirement be removed. Certainly it had been an assumption of the committee for some time that the rule would be removed. Chair will bring our concerns to the attention of the Provost.

4:07 Meeting ended. The next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 PM on Thursday November 14 in Rarick 113.

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**Submitted by D. Drabkin, Recording Secretary**

