

FHSU General Education Committee

Minutes

Meeting Called by

Bradley Will, Chair

Date: Thursday October 15, 2020

Time: 3:30-5:00

Location: <https://fhsu.zoom.us/j/94675596647>

Members

Douglas Drabkin (AHSS)

Marcella Marez (AHSS)

Christina Glenn (BE)

David Schmidt (BE)

Sarah Broman Miller (Ed)

Phillip Olt (Ed)

Glen McNeil (HBS)

Denise Orth (HBS)

Joe Chretien (STM)

Lanee Young (STM)

Robyn Hartman (Lib)

Helen Miles (Senate)

Isaiah Schindler (SGA)

Cheryl Duffy (Goss Engl)

Tanya Smith (Grad Sch)

3:30 (1 minute) All members were (eventually) present. Determined that a quorum was met.

3:31 (6 minutes) Chair, who serves as assistant dean in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, announced that he will [not have to step down](#) from chairing our committee when Dean Faber retires at the end of next semester.

3:37 (1 minute) The minutes from our October 8 meeting were unanimously approved.

3:38 (13 minutes) The committee considered a proposal from the Department of Physics for PHYS 208: Elementary Meteorology to satisfy outcomes 1 and 2 of objective 2.1D, the natural scientific mode of inquiry. As the assignments and rubric pretty clearly did not connect with the two outcomes (in spite of the faculty advisory panel's imprimatur), the committee decided to **table** the proposal and speak with the Department of Physics at a future meeting, perhaps next week.

3:51 (50 minutes) This was an open-ended discussion exploring some of our options for discussing proposals that come to us. Questions considered include: Should the committee meet to discuss course proposals and faculty advisory panel reports prior to meeting with representatives from the departments? Should we discuss these matters online before getting together on Thursdays? Should the faculty advisory panel reports be shown to the departments before

we speak with the departments? Should the faculty advisory panel reports appear in our weekly agendas? There was general consensus that there are times when we as a committee need to get together and talk matters through before meeting with departments. Glenn recommended, and the committee agreed, that it would be a good idea to for our discussion of proposals to have two parts: (1) we first meet together and try to come to see eye to eye on the proposal, then (2) we share what we think with the departments. Glenn recommended that, while waiting to join our discussion, members of the departments could be in a Zoom "waiting room." We will try this out next week when we take up the proposal from the Department of Criminal Justice for CRJ 101: Introduction to Criminal Justice to fulfill the lower-division critical thinking outcomes 1.5.1-2.

4:41 (6 minutes) Hartman reported to the committee about plans coming together for the Faculty Development Committee in cooperation with TILT to offer workshops to help faculty members write better rubrics for the CORE program. Hopefully, videorecording of these workshops, or of parts of these workshops, can be made available online.

4:47 (3 minutes) Glenn recommended that we conduct some of our pre-Thursday discussions on the Microsoft Teams platform. Schindler agreed to set this program up for us.

4:51 Meeting ended. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 22.

Submitted by D. Drabkin, Recording Secretary

