

FHSU General Education Committee

Minutes

Meeting Called by

Bradley Will, Chair

Date: Thursday August 26, 2021

Time: 3:30-5:00

Location: Pioneer Room, and

<https://fhsu.zoom.us/j/94468542828>

Members

Douglas Drabkin (AHSS)

Marcella Marez (AHSS)

Christina Glenn (BE)

David Schmidt (BE)

Sarah Broman Miller (Ed)

Phillip Olt (Ed)

Denise Orth (HBS)

Tanya Smith (HBS)

C.D. Clark (STM)

Lanee Young (STM)

Robyn Hartman (Lib)

----- (Senate)

----- (SGA)

Cheryl Duffy (Goss Engl)

----- (Grad Sch)

3:31 (1 minute) All members were present, except for Schmidt and the three who have yet to be appointed (see above).

3:32 (5 minutes) Introductions all around.

3:37 (6 minutes) Chair announced that formal review of CORE program course proposals will start up next week, with discussion of the relevant documents beginning in Teams and continuing at our Thursday meeting. About approving a full slate of CORE courses before the October 2021 scheduling deadline for Fall 2022 courses, we are going to do our best not to worry about this, and carry on with our work.

3:43 (30 minutes) Chair explained the revised system-wide general education transfer policy that appears to be coming into focus at the Kansas Board of Regents. It has two parts: (1) all students who complete an associate's degree at a KBOR institution will be considered to have completed the general education requirements at any of the six four-year institutions; and (2) any student transferring in 36 or more hours from one KBOR institution who, through a combination of courses being transferred in and additional courses at the new institution, satisfies the requirements a KBOR-set minimum general education program (not a carefully thought-through outcome-based general education program, but a more vaguely conceived distribution program) will be considered to have completed the general education requirements at the four-year school. One consequence of this KBOR-set minimum general education program is that, if it is approved, we will have to be sure our program is in line with it, or at any rate, that students

earning an associate's degree from FHSU will have satisfied the KBOR minimum. And this may require FHSU students to take a second course in the natural sciences, which is one of the KBOR distribution categories. Whether the Personal Wellness course fits under this distribution category is unclear, distribution categories being the ill-defined things that they tend to be. Chair agreed to look into what percentage of FHSU students transfer in 36 or more hours of coursework, and tell us what he finds out at next week's meeting.

4:03 (12 minutes) Chair shared some general information about KBOR members (political appointees), KBOR staff (longer term state employees who draft things like the proposed general education policy), and KBOR policies (which have been maintained over the years with varying degrees of follow-through).

4:15 Meeting ended. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 2.

Submitted by D. Drabkin, Recording Secretary

