

FHSU General Education Committee

Minutes

Meeting Called by

Bradley Will, Chair

Date: Thursday September 16, 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)
Lane Young (STM)
Robyn Hartman (Lib)
Jeni McRay (Senate)
Ryan Stanley (SGA)
Cheryl Duffy (Goss Engl)

3:32 (7 minutes) All members were present. Ryan Stanley was welcomed to the committee in place of Kimberly Benites Tamayo as SGA representative. Rob Byer, co-chair of Academic Affairs, who will be joining the committee representing the Senate next semester in place of McRay, was in attendance as a guest. Introductions all around.

3:39 (6 minute) Chair apologized for having us review two courses, MUS 684 and LDRS 650, that we already reviewed (same documents) back in May. Both had been approved contingent upon changes being made. These changes have not been made yet, so the courses have yet to move on to Academic Affairs.

3:45 (9 minutes) McRay and Byer explained that the CORE proposal for PHIL 201: Political Philosophy, which received approval from our committee as well as from Academic Affairs, hit a snag at the September Faculty Senate meeting when a professor representing Political Science said that his department intends to propose the same course, or something very much like it, for the same outcome set (2.1F, philosophical mode of inquiry). We briefly discussed this and generally agreed that it is not the business of our committee to resolve course duplication questions. Course duplication falls under the purview of Academic Affairs.

3:54 (1 minute) The minutes from the September 9 meeting were approved.

3:55 (5 minutes) Having tried out the One Drive tool this past week, Clark, Drabkin, and Olt reported back to the committee that it works well and provides a good way to comment on proposal documents. Olt is not sure we need to shift over to using it, however, as his biggest problem with the way we were handling proposals through Teams was that that we were finding ourselves commenting on documents which had already been updated and replaced. This problem

went away with the decision to have only the most recent documents in our work-of-the-week folders. Clark recommends that we keep using Teams, but in conjunction with One Drive. He will work on developing a set of conventions for commenting on documents using One Drive, which interfaces nicely with Teams and our Outlook email system.

4:00 (33 minutes) The committee considered a proposal from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders for **SLP 480: Principles of Research in Communication Sciences and Disorders** to satisfy the three upper-level writing and reasoning outcomes (1.1A.1, 1.1A.2, and 1.5.3). We decided to **table** the proposal. Chair will meet with Karmen Porter, chair of Communication Sciences and Disorders, about why the assignments as written don't seem to be well-suited for the outcomes, especially for 1.1A.1 and 1.5.3, and how they might proceed going forward -- whether to describe the assignments differently so that they clearly fit the outcomes, or to reconceive the course as something altogether different, perhaps a 1.4 course (information literacy). Depending on what they want to do, Duffy or Hartman may be asked to assist them in thinking it through.

4:33 Meeting ended. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 23. The plan is to discuss three proposals for satisfying the 1.4 outcomes (information literacy).

Submitted by D. Drabkin, Recording Secretary

