

FHSU General Education Committee

Minutes

Meeting Called by

Bradley Will, Chair

Date: Thursday September 23, 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)

3:30 (1 minute) All members were present with the exception of Duffy, Glenn, and Miller. Schmidt served as proxy for all three.

3:31 (0.3 minutes) The minutes from September 16 [were approved](#).

3:31 (22 minutes) Chair asked the committee if we feel we are being overworked, giving up too much of our time in service to this committee. There is no question that, for the past six or seven years, we've been [working pretty hard](#), and no one on the committee was opposed to having more free time. The only question was whether cutting back to say a meeting every other week would prevent the university from making the Fall 2022 launch date of the CORE program. Chair thinks that we are far enough along in the approval of courses likely to be taken by the entering freshman class that we should be able to launch in Fall 2022 and build the rest of the ship at sea. Chair will speak with the Provost about this.

3:53 (9 minutes) Clark asked for a clarification. Will departments such as Physics and Chemistry need to develop and submit natural science mode of inquiry proposals for courses such as CHEM 120: University Chemistry and PHYS 211: Physics for Scientists and Engineers? In our current General Education Program, physics majors taking PHYS 211, for instance, get distribution credit as if they had taken the general education course PHYS 102: Physical Science. Will PHYS 211 automatically satisfy CORE outcomes 2.1D.1 and 2.1D.2? The answer is no, they will not automatically satisfy these outcomes. To count for general education credit, PHYS 211 will need to be approved as a general education course just like any other course in the CORE program. Clark will remind chairs in his college of this fact.

4:02 (10 minutes) The committee considered and **approved** a proposal for **BCOM 301: Strategic Business Communication** to satisfy the outcomes for **objective 1.4** (information literacy).

4:12 (7 minutes) The committee considered and **approved** a proposal for **NURS 322: Introduction to Evidence-Based Research** to satisfy the outcomes for **objective 1.4** (information literacy). Smith will share the faculty advisory panel report with the department so that the proposal can be cleaned up before sending it on to Academic Affairs.

4:17 (12 minutes) The committee considered and **tabled** a proposal for **SOC 362: Methods of Social Research** to satisfy the outcomes for **objective 1.4** (information literacy). Chair will share the faculty advisory report with the department, and Hartman will be available to meet with them about it. Part of the problem with the proposal is that it changes the wording of the outcomes and aligns the course to these altered outcomes.

4:33 Meeting ended. Our next meeting will either be in two weeks, on Thursday October 7, or in one week, on Thursday September 30. See 3:31 above.

Submitted by D. Drabkin, Recording Secretary

