

FHSU General Education Committee

Minutes

Meeting Called by

Bradley Will, Chair

Date: Thursday March 4, 2021

Time: 3:30-4:45

Location: <https://fhsu.zoom.us/j/93003453531>

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)
Lane 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 present with the exception of Miles and Orth. McNeil served as proxy for Miles. Determined that a quorum was met.

3:31 (3 minutes) The minutes from last week's meeting were amended and approved.

3:34 (1 minute) Chair shared the description of some aspects of the CORE program that he wrote up for President Mason to use when meeting with elected officials.

3:35 (20 minutes) As a follow-up on the item at 3:55 in the minutes from February 25, the committee decided that Duffy and Chair will get together as a sub-committee to condense and amend the documents recently drafted offering advice to our colleagues on preparing course proposals for the CORE program. It was agreed that the document will be short, that it will be explicit about the difference between advice and policy, and that its emphasis will be, not on how to make the work of the GenEd committee easier, but on how to write better proposals, ones that will better achieve the aims of the CORE program.

3:55 (6 minutes) The committee decided to put the syllabi for MATH 130: Precalculus Mathematics (three outcomes, one assessment) and PHIL 120: Introduction to Philosophy (three outcomes, three assessments) on the committee's web page for faculty to consult as the sort of thing we are looking for, and to pass these syllabi on to Nicole Frank for use in faculty development training.

4:01 (15 minutes) The committee considered a proposal from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders for SLP 320: Basic Sign Language to satisfy the outcomes for objective 3.2 (intercultural competence), and decided to **table it**, after noticing problems, including that that the assignment for outcome 3.2.1 involves no personal interaction with a hearing impaired person, and that the assessment for outcome 3.2.2 is spread out over separate assignments. Chair will speak with the department about our concerns, and the proposal will remain tabled until we hear back from them.

4:16 (15 minutes) The committee considered a proposal from the Department of Geosciences for GSCI 105: Cultural Geography to satisfy the outcomes for objective 3.2 (intercultural competence), and decided to **approve it contingent** upon removal of the quantitative language from the syllabus (the qualitative language being sufficient, and better). Chair will also mention the double negative in the proficiency description on the rubric for 3.2.1.

4:31 (14 minutes) The committee considered a proposal from the Department of Sociology for SOC 460: Comparative Cultures and Societies to satisfy the outcomes for objective 3.2 (intercultural competence), and decided to **approve it contingent** upon minor changes being made, the details of which escaped the Recording Secretary, whose mind was going blurry, but were noted by Chair.

4:45 Meeting ended. The next meeting will be Thursday March 11.

Submitted by D. Drabkin, Recording Secretary

