

FHSU General Education Committee

Minutes

Meeting Called by

Bradley Will, Chair

Date: Thursday September 10, 2020

Time: 3:30-5:00

Location: cyberspace

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 present with the exception of Miller and Orth. Duffy served as proxy for Miller. Faculty Senate President Kevin Splichal, and Department of Sociology members Christy Craig, Roberta Martine, and Brett Zollinger were also in attendance. Determined that a quorum was met.

3:31 (3 minutes) The minutes from last week's meeting were approved. It was agreed that we will continue the practice of approving minutes the week after the meeting occurred, but that a draft of the minutes will be sent out in advance of approval.

3:34 (3 minutes) Chair read a request from the intercultural competence faculty advisory panel to have more than seven days to complete their work. It was decided to table consider of this request until the end of the meeting.

3:37 (1 minute) The committee tabled consideration of changes to the proposals for CRJ 310: Comparison Justice Systems and CRJ 399: Criminal Justice Research (see last week's minutes). This will be taken up at the start of next week's meeting.

3:38 (18 minutes) The committee considered a proposal for SOC 140: Understanding Society to satisfy the 2.1F outcomes (social scientific mode of inquiry). The committee voted unanimously to **approve** the proposal **on the condition** that three changes be made to the rubric for outcome 2.1F.3: (1) the references to word count be removed;

(2) the language of "and contrast" be added; and (3) more evaluative language be added ("superficially," "thoroughly," etc.).

3:56 (23 minutes) Consideration turned to SOC 145: Cultural Anthropology, proposed to satisfy the 3.2 outcomes (intercultural competence). The committee voted 14 in favor, 1 abstaining, to **table** the proposal until next week, and asked that three changes be made to the assignment and rubric: (1) that the meaning of the term "scholarly research" be made clear; (2) that it be made plain in the assignment that the student is required to analyze and explain two aspects of culture, ethnic identity and family structure, and they get to choose two or three additional aspects from a list of options; and that (3) the proficiency standards in the rubric be brought in line with the revised assignment. [One easily fixed detail that we failed to notice was that the language on the rubric for outcome 3.2.3 is missing the final word: "community."]

4:19 (13 minutes) Roberta Martine, the author of the proposal for SOC 145, suggested that her other outcome 3.2 proposal, the one for SOC 376: U.S. Racial and Ethnic Groups, be tabled as well. It is very similar to the proposal for SOC 145 and can be adjusted along the same lines. The committee did indeed vote, unanimously this time, to **table** the proposal until next week. Brett Zollinger explained that SOC 376 will eventually be replacing IDS 350: Diversity in the United States. Chair proposed meeting with Zollinger at a later time to work out the logistics of this transition.

4:32 (4 minutes) Drabkin mentioned that he received a request from a member of the natural scientific mode of inquiry faculty advisory panel for details about our decision to approve HHP 230: Principles of Nutrition last May. Miles noted that this course is slated for discussion in Academic Affairs in the near future. Kevin Splichal plans to be attendance at that meeting.

4:36 (20 minutes) The committee returned to the question of whether we should insist that the faculty advisory panels get back to us with their reports in one week's time. It was decided to ask them to get the work done in a week, but to give them more time if they beg nicely.

4:56 Meeting ended. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 17 in cyberspace.

Submitted by D. Drabkin, Recording Secretary

