**General Education Committee Minutes**

**28 October 2024**

* Brittany Lockhard, Chair
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* Angie Paul
* Natalie Delacruz
* Julie Henderson
* Brittany Lockard
* Jan Wolcutt
* Samantha Corcoran
* Josh Mallard, Student Rep
* Gina Crabtree
* Sally Fiscus
* Guests: Melinda Defrain, Steve Brady, Mark Arrasmith

* **Motion to approve minutes from 9.23.24 meeting - approved**
* **Appointment of a Common Read Committee for FYS**
  + Motion to appoint a committee to choose the next common read books **(Approved 8-0)**
  + Carolyn will recruit members to the committee to be approved by GE. The committee will select their chair.
  + Those interested:
    - Julie Henderson
    - Angie Paul
    - Aaron Rife
* **Pathways** 
  + English Pathways -Melinda Defrain
  + Students will no longer be taking the developmental courses that are not for college credit. They will take a college level course with additional supports. This is a "co-requisite" model for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025
    - 011 courses becomes ENGL 101 +101A (a supplemental lab). 3 cr hrs (no hours for lab). There is just one section for Fall 2024, with approx 20 developmental sections that will eventually become college level work.
    - 013 and 015 will become ENGL 100 + 100A (supplmental lab (ENGL 100 is equivalent to ENGL 101 but is specifically for int'l students) - pilot to be launched Spring 2025.
    - The current 101A course seems to be going well, looking like most if not all students will come through successfully.
    - All developmental sections will be phased out by Fall 2026. GTAs will be teaching these courses.
  + Math Pathways - Steve Brady
    - Previous GE requirements: Math 111 College Algebra or Math 131 Contemporary Math
    - New KBOR requirement: 3 different areas of study in Math:
      * Math 111 Algebra,
      * Math 131 Contemporary math,
      * Math 171 Elementary Stats (w/o algebra as a pre-req).
      * Different majors will take different requirements as laid out on the KBOR webpage:
        + <https://kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/math-pathways/gateway-math-course-decisions>
      * If a student changes majors to a different division, their intro level GE math course will count regardless. (They may still need to take other courses if additional math classes with pre-reqs are required for their new degree)
    - If a student doesn't place/test fully into 111 or 131, then the student must sign up for a co-requisite course (supplemental lab).
      * Student who gets a ACT Math of 31 or SAT MATH of 730 gets credit by exam for MATH 111, they don't have to take course.
      * If students don't take ACT/SAT, there is a WSU placement test available to determine if they need to take 111/131/171 with or without the additional lab co-req.
    - McGraw Hill and other publishers are working on new textbooks that will shape the curricum to some extent.
      * 011 - no longer being taught
      * 012 - will no be taught after Spring 2025
      * 013 > Math 111 + co-req lab.
    - Meeting with OneStop advisors work through details of enrollment based on placements.
    - Must be fully rolled out by Fall 2026

* **Proposals to review**
  + HIST 372: Medieval World – new course [**Approved 9-0]**
    - LO's are very clear; class looks good.
  + HIST 599AM: The History of Global Public Health – new course **[Not approved 0-9]** *Brittany will email George about the committee discussion on this.* 
    - Workflow was abbreviated b/c this was an experimental course (didn't go through GR school or LAS).
    - Some concerns about level of course content.
    - Letter from PHS - this is higher level than 326, so they don't have a problem. This implies its not an intro level course.
    - LO's are not framed around Bloom's taxonomy
    - WSU's course number system matches what KBOR has established for levels. <https://www.wichita.edu/academics/academic_affairs/PVPAARForms/curriculum_change_guidelines.php>
  + PHS 344: Culturally Informed Healthcare - new GE w/ diversity [**Approved 8-0]**
    - Clear LO's.
    - Are there other PHS classes that have GE attribute? No. We would put it as a Soc/Beh science category in GE. Other KBOR institutions don't have a lot of health courses in GE. We'd have to make a special case for it to be a GE class. We would want to make it effective in Fall '25 after KBOR approves it.
    - Would other non-majors take this course? Probably many health sciences students and maybe some other students seeking diversity content.
* For Review at our next meeting:
  + SOC 303: Sociology of Mental Health – new GE w/ diversity
  + SOC 304: Sociology of Violence – new GE w/ diversity
  + SOC 397: Social Epidemiology – new GE w/ diversity
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