***General Education Committee Meeting***

***Minutes 1-22-2024***

***Members in Attendance***: Samantha Corcoran, Natalie Delacruz, Kimberly Engber (Honors representative), Sally Fiscus, Linnea Glenmaye, Julie Henderson, Brittany Lockard (Chair), Josh Mallard (Student Rep), Angie Paul, Carolyn Shaw, and Jan Wolcutt

Absent: Gina Crabtree, Sandy Sipes, Matt Muether

***WELCOME*:** Samantha Corcoran started the meeting, as Brittany had an emergency that made her late to the meeting.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11-27-2023 MEETING*:** It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Approved: 8-0

***COURSE PROPOSALS***

***COMM 355: Race and Media***

* Outcomes and assessments are presented in CIM, but not in the syllabus. It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal, with the stipulation that the chair will send an email requesting that the instructor put the assessments on CIM in the syllabus to link assignments and outcomes. Approved 8-0

***ENGL 332: YA Literature***

* Aaron Rife told Sally that the course does not overlap with any education courses, a concern expressed at the last meeting.
* There were concerns that this course is a 300-level course with an ENGL 101 pre-requisite. This was permissible under the previous Gen Ed program, but the Regents new Gen Ed program implies that courses with pre-req’s are not acceptable.
* Since ENGL 101 is required for all students as a basic skill, some members felt that this specific pre-requisite should not be a reason to deny approval of the Gen Ed attribute. The issue with pre-requisites is that they can be obstacles for students trying to sign up for the course during a specific semester, especially transfer students.
* If WSU does not signal to the student that ENGL 101 is necessary to be able to do well in a particular class, it implies that all WSU Gen Ed courses are flat-none should require pre-requisites.
* It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal. Approved: 8-0.

At a previous meeting, the committee decided that a smaller subcommittee should meet to create a proposal regarding prerequisites and 300 level classes, as these issues come up at every meeting. Brittany, Angie, Josh, Julie, and Natalie will be on the committee, and Linnea will be ex-officio. Brittany will check to see if Matt Muether is interested.

***ENGL 374: Literature in the Audio Age***

* The course description seems overly long, but the catalog editor will work with the instructor to make it more concise, if deemed necessary.
* The instructor did not use the syllabus template, so some required elements are missing. If it is tabled, this course will miss the catalog deadline.
* In the past, the committee has noted that the Gen Ed committee is not the syllabus police, so missing elements in the syllabus should not preclude approval.
* It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal. Approved: 8-0

***ENGL 376: Writing Graphic Narratives***

* This is another 300-level course with a pre-requisite, but ENGL 102 is required for all students as a basic skill.
* It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal Approved 8-0.

***MUSC 336: Survey of Western Music Canon***

* This course has another MUSC course that is already a Gen Ed course, so it could not be used to satisfy the Humanities/Fine Arts. However, some students could use it in Bucket 7.
* There was concern that that the instructor may not fully understand the current Gen Ed program.
* The committee noted that this course has a prerequisite that already satisfies the Gen Ed program requirement for Fine Arts and Humanities, and that prerequisite is different from ENGL 101 and 102 in that it is not required for all students. Also, it is preparing students for a specific standardized history exam, so it is not really Gen Ed. If denied, it will go forward as a new course without the Gen Ed attribute.
* It was moved and seconded to deny the proposal. Approved: 7-0. The proposal is denied.

***AS MAY ARISE***

* No topics for as may arise.

***NEXT MEETING***

* The next meeting will be on February 12.

***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting ended at 2:00 pm.