***General Education Committee Meeting***

***Minutes 9-9-2024***

***Members in Attendance***: Samantha Corcoran, Gina Crabtree, Natalie Delacruz, Sally Fiscus, Linnea Glenmaye, Julie Henderson, Brittany Lockard (Chair), Josh Mallard (Student Rep), Carolyn Shaw, and Jan Wolcutt.

Absent: Brett Bruner, Angie Paul, Sandy Sipes

***WELCOME*:** Brittany Lockard started the meeting at 12:314.

***OVERVIEW OF WSU’S GEN ED PROGRAM***

Brittany provided these links prior to the meeting so members could review and refresh their memories of the relevant points.

* + - * <https://www.wichita.edu/academics/generaleducation/>
		- Discussion of general education assessment can be found here:
			* <https://www.wichita.edu/academics/generaleducation/genedassessment.php>

***COURSE PROPOSAL REVIEW***

* + - Reminder: Committee members can preview proposals by going to MyWSU🡪 Faculty/Staff🡪 Courseleaf (CAT and CIM), right side of page🡪 Courseleaf Approval Page. Once there, at the top, choose “General Education Committee Chair” as your role, and you will see a list of pending courses. The committee reviewed the following courses:
			* FYFR 102A: FYS Exploring a Commercial Real Estate Transaction

The committee discussed whether this course met the Gen Ed requirements and noted that the requirements for FYS are slightly different than for non FYS Gen Ed courses. It was moved and seconded to approve this course as a first-year seminar: Motion passes: 7-0

* + - * FYML 102W: FYS Reading Life: It was moved and seconded to approve this course as a first-year seminar: Motion passes. 7-0
* GEOL 102: Earth Science and the Environment: This is a formality to allow the registrar to separate GEOL 102 (0-4 credits) into GEOL 102 3 credit (this course) and GEOL 102L (1 credit for lab). Discussion is not required since it is already designated Gen Ed and there are no content changes. Motion passes.
* It was moved and seconded to approve all courses that requested to eliminate the WOMS and ETHS designation for cross listed courses because WEIS is changing from a department to a program and needs to eliminate the cross-listing. Motion passes 7-0. These courses are:
	+ - * HIST 309: The African American Historical Experience: WEIS is changing from a department to a program and needs to eliminate the WOMS and ETHS courses.
			* HIST 511: Women in Early America, 1600-1830: WEIS is changing from a department to a program and needs to eliminate the WOMS and ETHS courses.
			* HIST 527: African American Business History: WEIS is changing from a department to a program and needs to eliminate the WOMS and ETHS courses.
			* HIST 530: The American Woman in History: WEIS is changing from a department to a program and needs to eliminate the WOMS and ETHS courses.
			* PHS 512: Diversity and Aging: WEIS is changing from a department to a program and needs to eliminate the WOMS and ETHS courses.
			* REL 393: Race and the Bible: WEIS is changing from a department to a program and needs to eliminate the WOMS and ETHS courses.
			* SCWK 385: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Studies: WEIS is changing from a department to a program and needs to eliminate the WOMS and ETHS courses.
			* SCWK 541: Women, Children, and Poverty: WEIS is changing from a department to a program and needs to eliminate the WOMS and ETHS courses.
			* SOC 306: Intro to Gender Studies: WEIS is changing from a department to a program and needs to eliminate the WOMS and ETHS courses.
			* SOC 316: Men and Masculinities : WEIS is changing from a department to a program and needs to eliminate the WOMS and ETHS courses.
			* POLS 226: Comparative Politics: This course is seeking the diversity attribute, but already has the Gen Ed designation, so no vote is needed for it to move on.
			* ID 300: Human-Centric Design Thinking: This course is seeking a change in the course title and description, but already has the Gen Ed designation, so no vote is needed.
* It was moved and seconded to approve Pol Sci 314, Pol Sci 326, and Pol Sci 361. These courses already have Gen Ed status but need committee approval to move on in the process for catalog changes. Motion passes. 7-0
	+ - * It was moved and seconded to approve POLS 312: Asian Politics. The committee discussed whether students could realistically take these courses in their first or second year, given the 300 level and prerequisites of Engl 101 and 102. In a previous discussion in January 2024, the committee decided to approve a 300-level course that required only Engl 101 and 102, since the prerequisites must be taken in the student’s first year. Motion passes 7-0
			* It was moved and seconded to approve POLS 313: Global Gender Politics. Motion passes 7-0.
			* It was moved and seconded to approve POLS POLS 340: Global Challenges. Motion passes 7-0.

***AS MAY ARISE***

The Gen Ed committee will meet Sept 23 in person, with the option to attend via Zoom, to discuss policy re 300 level courses with pre-requisites. Linnea will check to see if the meeting room is available.

Linnea noted that the regents will need to approve the courses that the WSU Gen Ed committee approved before they officially are designated Ged Ed. Program and course changes should be submitted by the end of the fall semester to be included in the catalog.

***NEXT MEETING:***

September 23

***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting ended at 1:34 pm.