

General Education Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2020
3:30 p.m., Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Cavitt (Chair), Erhart, Hanks, Supancic, Blunk, Farah, Shah, Allsup, Houser, Peeler, Domsch, Wang, Watt, Wilson, White, Stern, Tschirhart, Chrans, Nielson, Benacquisto, Cardenas, Haider

Absent: Hamilton, Vacaflares Rivero

Guests: Ms. Micky Autrey, Dr. Lon Olson, Dr. Victoria Smith, Dr. Rob Tally

Cavitt welcomed attendees

The minutes of September 14, 2020 were discussed, edited, and approved unanimously.

Wilson presented two new course proposals for the council's review – ENG 1321 and ENG 2371. Drs. Smith and Tally engaged in discussion with the council on the merits of each course and possible collaboration between departments.

The council discussed at length the proposal of moving English 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2359 and 2360 to 040 (Language, Philosophy and Culture) foundational component area and whether courses should be allowed to be in more than one component area. The council plans to vote on these proposals at the November 9, 2020 meeting.

Cavitt introduced Dr. Olson to discuss the general education assessment processes and audits of learning outcome methods.

Cavitt led discussion on the affordable textbook report and list of classes that currently offer affordable/free resources. Goal is to have options for all classes in the core curriculum. Cavitt asked the council to begin having conversations and sharing the affordable textbook committee executive report to departments across campus. Council discussed opportunities to encourage affordable resources where it is feasible, rather than for every class.

Cavitt called for new business. No new business was presented.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.