

Minutes
General Education Council
November 6, 2023, in THH 275, 3:30 PM

Attendees: Crawford, Duganne, Hamilton, Keleman, Mandziuk, McClanahan, Morille, Morrish, Nason, Sawyers, Shah, Showalter, Stern, Weimer, White, Supancic (ex-officio)

Absent: Tschirhart (sent alternate), Delaney

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 pm.

Housman welcomed members.

The minutes from October 16, were approved unanimously. Edit has been made concerning ex-officio Kristopher Infante in attendance not Henrici.

Assessment – Start audit of methods.

Description of voting methods, discussion was held, motion was made and seconded to use paper ballots with those joining on-line voting through the chat.

Current GEC Proposals

Sean Kerwin, MJ Patterson and Duke Willoughby presented on CHEM1320: Foundations of Chemistry (030 component) course proposal including how out comes meet the general education core competencies. Some questions were asked about the population that would be taking the course for clarification. Presenters were asked about timing of in class assignments, and quizzes and assessments to identify students that may need extra support, will these be early on. They were assured that yes, they had exit tickets and quizzes and formative group work in place to help with this. Supancic asked if they could provide examples of the in-class activities that are mentioned. Supancic mentioned the Syllabus is not in required format for the general education council. It is something that can be adjusted. Discussion was held concerning details of assignments.

Votes were taken, council approved course addition (13 approve, 1 disapprove) with the following conditions: 1) syllabus must be created in the required format and 2) assignment and method details must be added.

Russell Hodges proposed the course addition of EDP 1350: Effective Learning: (090 and 091-component area Communication emphasis). There were some questions regarding how the course is held in the colleges where similar courses are held. There is always a possibility that the 090 may go away. That decision could come in another year. He was asked to address the communication piece. He acknowledged that it was a worry that he had as well. However, they tried as honestly as they could to place it where it best fit. Some discussion was held regarding the presentation and the syllabus and assignments listed. Some are concerned about approving something that was not in the right area. Votes were taken, course was not approved (2 approve, 14 disapprove, 1 abstain).

Hunter Close presented the course addition of PHYS 2325 and PHYS 2326: Mechanics and Electricity and Magnetism to the 030- component area Life and Physical Sciences Emphasis (090 and 093).

Housman gave a little background on these two courses, essentially the courses are already in the core, but they are under different numbers. They would be deleted and put back in under a new number.

Two main reasons to make the change to first separate the lecture and the lab and the other is to align the numbering system that we use to match better with the Texas Common course primary system.

There was a question is the labs would need to be voted on. It was clarified that the labs are not

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considered core courses. Votes were taken for each course separately. Votes were tallied, both courses were approved unanimously (14 approve, 0 disapprove, 0 abstain).

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Reminder that next week's meeting will be held in room 124.