

**MINUTES**  
**General Education Committee**  
**October 1, 2019**  
**2:00-3:30 pm VL 216**  
**Respectfully Submitted by Michelle Hughes**

**Members present:** Steve Contakes (Chair and Professor of Chemistry), Paul Delaney (Professor of English), Michelle Hughes (Chair and Professor of Education), Jana Mayfield Mullen (Interim Library Co-Director), Tatiana Nazarenko (Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness),

**Members Absent:** Michelle Hardley

**Guest:** Manuela Long

**Items:**

- I. **Prayer** - Steve opened the meeting in prayer.
  
- II. **Meeting Minutes** - The committee minutes of September 3, 2019 were approved. The committee minutes of September 17, 2019 were approved with spelling corrections.
  
- III. **Portfolium Scoring and Rubric Report**  
Manuela and Tatiana proposed the Portfolium platform to the committee for the upcoming Reading Imaginative Literature Assessment. Manuela will work with faculty to upload assignments and grading rubrics in Portfolium. Manuela demonstrated how the platform works. The committee discussed the problem of not being able to go back and change scoring. Faculty can do the scoring in Canvas and transfer or redo scoring in Portfolium. There is course level and program level assessment/scoring. Faculty do not have access to notes and scoring if it is done at the program level. Faculty do have access to assessment/scoring at the course level. Steve recommended that Manuela and Paul continue the conversation about how to best use Portfolium.
  
- IV. **Annual Report Update**  
Tatiana shared that there have been some minor changes and recommendations made to Annual Reports by the PRC. Tatiana agreed to follow up and clarify changes and protocol with Steve Rogers. Steve requested clarification about the responsibilities related to leading an assessment project.
  
- V. **OT/NT/CD Survey Results, RS Department Comments, and Recommendations**  
Jana shared a timeline (see handout) re: GE Student Learning Outcome Assessment: Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Doctrine 2018-19. The survey became part of the GE. Tatiana shared general results from the post-course quiz compared to senior survey. In OT, students remembered the bigger ideas and concepts more than the details or individual facts.

Jana shared about Fall 2018 RS syllabi review and recommendations. The expected outcome is that in OT, NT and Christian Doctrine students will demonstrate literacy in Christian scripture and Christian doctrine. There is continued concern about one RS syllabus. Steve will ask Helen Rhee, RS Dept. Chair, to follow up with the RS Faculty member about making requested adjustments to the syllabus. CUPA discussions are ongoing in the RS Department. The GE Committee will revisit this item at the December 3 meeting.

Tatiana revisited the 2018 General Education Senior Survey's recommendation to reduce the number of required PE courses. Steve will speak with Provost Mark Sargent and KNS Dept. Chair Gregg Afman.

**VI. RS 155 Modified Syllabus**

Changes, mark-ups, and background information to the RS 155 syllabus were shared at the request of the committee. The committee discussed whether the changes meet Thinking Historically and Thinking Globally criteria specific to exams and assessment. The committee voted 3-1 in favor of piloting the syllabus and course with a requested post trip/course report.