

MINUTES
General Education Committee
March 3, 2023
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Montecito Room

Members present: Andrea Gurney (Professor of Psychology), Steve Hodson (Professor of Music), Tatiana Nazarenko (Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness), Tara Sturges (Assistant Registrar, Recording Secretary)

Absent: Theresa Covich (Instructional Services Librarian), Felicia Song (Professor of Sociology & Anthropology), Michelle Hardley (Registrar)

- I. Prayer: Steve Hodson
- II. The minutes from February 2, 2023

The committee members unanimously approved the minutes from February 2, 2023.

- III. CS-150 Syllabus; CS-150 Submission Form; CS-150 Rationale; CS-150 Assignment 1; CS-150 Assignment 2

The committee agreed that the content of CS-150 fulfills the Quantitative/Analytical Reasoning criteria; however, the committee can't certificate this course for the Exploring Life Sciences area until the Senate's revision of the Common Inquiry section of the GE program. Michelle Hardley noted that Guang Song would need to submit a New Course Proposal since topics courses cannot be approved to fulfill GE requirements. In reviewing the syllabus, it was noted that Course Learning Outcomes need to be modified.

Action Item: Steve Hodson emailed Guang Song concerning these updates.

Action Item: Tatiana Nazarenko will send the updated GE syllabus template after it is posted to the website.

- IV. Student PE survey update: Tatiana

Samie Watanabe, a student representative from WCSA (senator), updated the introduction to the survey and mentioned that the number of responses was significant. The results of the survey are expected to be ready for review by the next GE Committee meeting (3/3/2023).

V. Serving Society update: Tatiana

Tatiana Nazarenko and Angela D'Amour are conducting an inventory analysis of academic courses (Tatiana) and Student Life activities (Angela) that fulfill the current Serving Society requirement. Tatiana noted an anticipated completion date of this analysis by the beginning of April 2023 with the intention of holding the next meeting with Scott Lisea and the ad hoc committee members in mid-April 2023. Tatiana also mentioned that Student Life might be tasked with tracking student progress if the Serving Society element is approved to be removed from the Westmont GE.

IX. Understanding Society assessment update: Andrea

Andrea Gurney emailed all faculty teaching Understanding Society courses to ask if they were willing to implement a rubric for an existing assignment this semester, and multiple faculty responded with plans to participate. Tatiana mentioned that one professor from all department chairs needs to participate in this assessment for thorough assessment and data interpretation. Andrea will send a reminder email and inform Tatiana of any department chairs who have yet to respond so Tatiana can also encourage participation.

X. Revising the Common Inquiry section of the GE Combined document by the Senate:
Tatiana

Senate is discussing and deciding on updated language for the Common Inquiries areas. Michael Everest and Jesse Covington will decide whether the matter will be brought before the full faculty.

XI. Other business

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sturges