

**General Education Curriculum Committee
Meeting of December 12, 2014, 2:30**

Minutes

Attending (Voting): Adams, Banks, Bertacco, Brueggemann, Carter (for Lingo), Cobourn, Desoky, Fernandez, Hagan, Pack, Reynolds, Singleton, Song, Wright

(Non-Voting): Barrow, Billingsley, Carden, Dietrich, Gilchrist, Reed, Partin, Shanahan, Wiggins-Romesburg

Introduction of New Members

Michael Hagan was introduced as the new rep for Humanities. Il Barrow, i2a Specialist for Assessment, and Katie Shanahan both were welcomed as non-voting committee members. On January 19, Shanahan will begin her position as Director of General Education Assessment.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 31, 2014, were approved.

CD Petitions Update

Wiggins-Romesburg reported that one CD1 petition was received and approved since the last meeting.

Status on Spring 2015 General Education NS Assessment

Wiggins-Romesburg reported that readers are being recruited and artifacts collected in preparation for the February 14 NS assessment reading. Training will be held on February 6.

Recommendations of Course Proposal Subcommittee

Carden reported on the recommendations of the subcommittee (Adams, Bradley, Fernandez, Futrell, and Song) who reviewed the following general education course proposals:

- EDTP 245 Children's Literature – H (*existing course proposed for gen ed*)--**approved**
- MUH 230 Dance & Music in Society & Culture-A (*new course*)--**approved**
- WGST 202 Seeing Gender: Introduction to Gender in Visual Studies-ACD2 (*new course*) --**modifications requested/approval pending**

***Action:** Carden will follow up on the WGST 202 proposal and get a formal vote from subcommittee members who have not responded to the second review.

***Action:** Carden will notify departments of approvals, process CIFs before the January 15 deadline, and update the general education course list for 2015-2016 (effective Summer 2015).

Task Force on General Education Reform

Billingsley reported that the Provost is committed to keeping general education at the center of the undergraduate curriculum and has appointed a task force to review the general education program. There is substantial representation from A&S on this 23-member committee, and Dean Leonard is co-chairing with him. The agenda is open and ideas are welcome from the GECC. One goal is to lower the number of required gen ed hours without compromising the 30-hour minimum acceptable to SACS. UK took several years to implement their reforms.

***Action:** At the next meeting, Billingsley will report on the progress of the 21st Century General Education Task Force. The initial meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2015.

Prepared by Kathy Carden