

**UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE FOR GENERAL EDUCATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 4, 2024**

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2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

**Present:** Angela Anderson, Aaron Ansell, Stephen Biscotte, Paul Deck, Aaron Goldstein, Mike Gordon, Corinne Guimont, Molly Hall, Janet Hilder, Earl Kline, Victoria Lael, Marian Mollin, Annie Ronan, Lauren Thomas, Khanh Ngoc Tran, Stacy Vogt Yuan, Vincent Wang

**Absent:** Jeremy Sudweeks

**Guests:** Jenni Gallagher

Call to order by Aaron Ansell at 2:33 pm

**Announcements:**

- S. Biscotte shared that the Pathways program received the Exemplary General Education Program award form AGLS last year.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Courseleaf/proposal review training**

J. Gallagher provided a training on reviewing course and minor proposals.

**3. New Special Study Course Proposal Review**

Committee approved [HUM 1984: Debating Free Speech on Campus](#) for Advanced Discourse 1a, with a note that if it moves to full governance, the proposer should consider making it a 2000-level course.

16 votes for approval, 1 abstention

**4. Pathways Assessment Update**

M. Hall shared that the new assessment process has been implemented, so that faculty no longer have to submit assessment data every semester that a Pathways course is taught. Now, only a sample of courses will submit data each semester. The new process will also operate on a four-year cycle, in which the first two years are dedicated to data collection, the third to data analysis, and the fourth to implementing program changes (if needed).

The Pathways Assessment Tool in Canvas, which was created by TLOS, has also been implemented this semester. There have been several trainings and there is also an asynchronous

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video available on the [Pathways assessment website](#). Faculty can also reach out to Molly Hall ([mrhall@vt.edu](mailto:mrhall@vt.edu)) and/or Jenni Gallagher ([jennigal@vt.edu](mailto:jennigal@vt.edu)) for individual assistance.

V. Lael shared that she has used the new tool and has found it extremely helpful.

#### **5. Subcommittee Reports**

Members were asked to join one of the two subcommittees, the program improvement subcommittee or the advising subcommittee, by 5pm, September 6.

Meeting adjourned by Aaron Ansell at 3:33 pm

*Meeting minutes taken by Jenni Gallagher*