

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE FOR GENERAL EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2024

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2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Present: Angela Anderson, Aaron Ansell, Emmanuel Benitez, Paul Deck, Aaron Goldstein, Mike Gordon, Molly Hall, Victoria Lael, Marian Mollin, Modiu Olaguro, Annie Ronan, Nasim Schwab, Khanh Ngoc Tran, Stacy Vogt Yuan, Vincent Wang

Absent: Stephen Biscotte, Dan Folescu, Corinne Guimont, Janet Hilder

Guests: Jenni Gallagher, Josh Thompson

Call to order by Aaron Ansell at 2:33 pm

1. Study Abroad Course Proposal Review

[LAHS 3954: Rural Belonging in Local and Global Contexts](#) for concept 7 (Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the U.S.)

Reviewers: Khanh Ngoc Tran, Molly Hall

Make the U.S. focus more apparent in the form and make reference to the rubric.

Committee votes unanimously to approve.

2. 2025 Summer Institute

J. Gallagher asked for feedback on potential themes or sessions for the 2025 Summer Institute. One committee member recommended that the TLOS session on using the assessment tool in Canvas be held again and other suggested that Universal Design for Learning (UDL) would be a valuable theme.

3. Course Proposal Review: Process and Form

A. Ansell and J. Gallagher shared a new process for reviewing the full course proposals that are presented to UCCGE:

1. Two reviewers will be assigned to each course
2. They will each complete a Google form in which they indicate whether the course aligns with each of the selected Pathways student learning outcomes (SLOs)
3. The committee will discuss the proposals at the following meeting
 - a. If they vote to approve the proposal, the Office of General Education will approve the proposal in Courseleaf

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- b. If they do not vote to approve the proposal, the Office of General Education will share the requested revisions with the proposer and the committee will re-review the proposal after revisions have been made

4. Full Course Proposal Reviews

[ENGL 4824: Science Writing](#) for concepts 1a, 2, and 10

Reviewers: Annie Ronan, Paul Deck

The committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal for concepts 1a and 10, pending the modifications below. The committee requested further information on the humanities component of the proposal before they vote on that concept.

The proposer may either remove alignment with concept 2, at which point the course will be approved in Courseleaf, or submit a revision to better reflect inclusion of the humanities, at which point the committee will re-review the proposal.

Modifications:

- Align discourse SLO #2 with a specific learning objective
- Modify learning objective #4 to reference ethical reasoning
- Clarify how students are *exchanging* ideas, not just communicating ideas in discourse SLO #4
- Clarify what audience(s) (beyond the instructor) the students are communicating with for discourse

[NEUR 2074: Translational Neuroscience: From Research to Practice](#) for concepts 1a, 7, and 10

Reviewers: Stephen Biscotte, Marian Mollin

The committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal for concepts 1a and 10, pending the modification below. The committee requested further information on the identity/equity component of the proposal before they vote on that concept.

The proposer may either remove alignment with concept 7, at which point the course will be approved in Courseleaf or submit a revision to better reflect inclusion of identity/equity, at which point the committee will re-review the proposal. If the proposer would like to submit a revision for concept 7, the committee suggests that they add greater alignment with concept 7 in the topic syllabus and required texts to demonstrate that the concept is a main component of the course.

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Modification:

- For discourse, clarify which audiences students are exchanging information with

[GEOG 2074: The Next Pandemic](#) for concepts 1a and 11

Reviewers: Victoria Lael, Aaron Goldstein

Tabled until November meeting.due to time.

5. Subcommittees Reports

Subcommittee reports were not shared during this meeting due to time.

- **Advising**
- **Program Improvement**

Meeting adjourned by Aaron Ansell at 3:49 pm

Meeting minutes taken by Jenni Gallagher