

## MINUTES

### University Curriculum Committee for General Education

November 6, 2024

2:30 pm

Zoom: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/84229621673>

**Present:** Aaron Ansell (presiding), Angela Anderson, Emmanuel Benitez, Stephen Biscotte, Kelly Coburn, Paul Deck, Anusha Dhungana, Dan Folescu, Aaron Goldstein, Mike Gordon, Corinne Guimont, Molly Hall, Marian Mollin, Annie Ronan, Nasim Schwab, Stacy Vogt Yuan, Vincent Wang, Travis Webster

**Absent with Notice:** Khanh Ngoc Tran

**Absent:** Janet Hilder, Jason Malone, Modiu Olaguro

**Guests:** Jenni Gallagher, Meghan Madel

A. Ansell called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. A quorum was present.

### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

### **2. Approval of or Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of October 2, 2024.**

A. Ansell noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Website: [governance.vt.edu](https://governance.vt.edu).

### **3. New Business**

A. Study Abroad Course Proposal Review

*MUS 3954: Iberian Experience* was unanimously approved for concept 6a (Critique and Practice in the Arts)

B. Special Study Course Proposal Reviews

*ART 3984: Introduction to Native American Art* was unanimously approved for concept 6a (Critique and Practice in the Arts)

*NANO 2984: Applied Mathematics and Programming for Nanoscience* was unanimously approved for concept 5a (Advanced Quantitative and Computational Thinking) with the following modifications:

SLO #2 – add how students will frame a question

SLO #3 – AI hasn't been mentioned elsewhere; clarify how and to what extent will it be taught in this course and its role on humanity. Reiterate the population problem from #1 in #3.

### C. Full Course Proposal Reviews

*GEOG 2074: The Next Pandemic* was unanimously approved for concepts 1a and 11.

*ENGL 4824: Science Writing* was unanimously tabled until the proposer completes their revisions.

*NEUR 2074: Translational Neuroscience: From Research to Practice* was unanimously tabled so that the proposer can be invited to the December meeting to clarify how the course aligns with concept 7 (Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the U.S.).

### D. Recertification Discussion

J. Gallagher shared the discussions that the program improvement subcommittee have been having about a potential recertification process. The committee will continue their discussion on this topic at the December meeting.

### **4. Subcommittee Reports**

Due to time, there were no subcommittee reports.

### **5. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 pm.

*Minutes compiled by Jenni Gallagher*