University Curriculum Committee for General Education
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2021
2:30 - 3:45 pm, Zoom meeting


Absent: Brian Collins, Shelley Martin, Rob Stephens, Zack Underwood

Guests: Stephen Biscotte, Jenni Gallagher, Banks Blair

Call to Order by Hannah Shinault at 2:30 pm

1. VA Transfer Passport

- The committee received three new requests for courses to review: GOL 112, PHY 100, PHY 241/242.
- The committee also revisited two courses that the committee had previously reviewed but did not approve due to insufficient information.
- The results of the reviews were as follows:
  o REL 100: The reviewers indicated that the course appears to qualify for Pathways 2 & 3 based on the more detailed syllabus they received, but the committee requests one more syllabus before confirming approval.
  o PHI 260: Not approved.
  o GOL 112: One committee member voted to approve and the other vote is forthcoming. If the second reviewer votes to approve, then the committee agrees to approve.
  o PHY 100: The committee requests two syllabi to conduct their review.
  o PHY 241/242: The committee requests two syllabi to conduct their review.
- Syllabi can be found on Canvas and review results on the Google doc of all VCCS reviews.

2. Pathways Annual Grant Program

- Registration is open for the Pathways Annual Grant Program. The focus this year is mainly on Pathways Minors, courses contributing to Pathways Minors, and courses in higher need areas. Proposals are due Mar 1. Reach out to Stephen (biscotsm@vt.edu) with any questions.

3. Student Motivation and Engagement Project

- If you're interested in collecting data on your students’ perceptions of their motivation and engagement with your course, Stephen can supply you with an individualized survey to give your students.
- The Office of Gen Ed will then provide a report reflecting the results. This can be helpful in providing some formative, real-time feedback from students without waiting for the SPOT. Contact Stephen (biscotsm@vt.edu) to participate.

4. Update: Pathways Minor Enrollment Data

- Over 750 students are currently enrolled in the 25 Pathways minors.
- 6 of those minors have over 20 different majors enrolled.
- Stephen provided a link to the file containing the data, which can be accessed from the [UCCGE Canvas site](https://canvas.vt.edu).

5. Subcommittee Reports

- Advising
  - Banks shared two versions of a template for a major/minor mapping resource for students and asked for feedback.
    - The committee suggested revising the flyer to combine page 1 of version 2 with page 2 of version 1 and possibly making the pdf interactive to allow students to view the list of electives.

- Assessment
  - Stephen reported that ~50 proposals, representing ~200 instructors, have been received for assessment mini-grants for Spring 2021.
  - Molly reported that ~10 people have taken each of first two pathways assessment workshops. There is one more workshop scheduled this semester for Feb. 9.

- Collaboratory
  - Anita provided a report, [linked here](https://canvas.vt.edu), on the subcommittee’s progress.
  - Committee members are encouraged to provide comments/feedback on the report by 5 pm on Monday, Feb. 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm by Hannah Shinault.

*Minutes compiled by Jenni Gallagher*