

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE FOR GENERAL EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

ZOOM MEETING, 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Present: Angela Anderson, Aaron Ansell, Sara Arena, Molly Hall, Earl Kline, Victoria Lael, Annie Ronan, Hannah Shinault, Jill Sible, Zack Underwood, Anita Walz, Sparke Williams

Absent: Taran Cardone, Brian Collins, Richard Rateau, Nicole Pitterson

Guests: Stephen Biscotte, Jenni Gallagher

Call to order by Hannah Shinault at 2:30 pm.

1. Introductions

2. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Vote

Hannah Shinault was unanimously elected as chair, and Aaron Ansell was unanimously elected as vice chair.

3. Pathways Updates

- During AY 2021-21, 62 Pathways courses and 9 Pathways minors were approved, and the Office of Gen Ed conducted 186 transfer credit reviews.
- As of Sep. 1, 2021, 825 students are enrolled in Pathways minors. This is down slightly from 916 in the spring due to students graduating. Enrollment and completion data for Pathways minors can be accessed [here](#).
- Today (Sep. 1) is the final day to sign up for the assessment grants (Parts I and II). Part III will be available in the spring.
- During Inclusive VT Week (Sep. 6-10), several speakers will present on aspects of student belonging. Details are linked in the [Canvas folder](#) for the 9/1 meeting materials.
- The Office of Gen Ed has created just under 100 major-specific flyers that highlight how Pathways minors can help students meet their general education requirements. The college-approved flyers can be viewed [here](#), and more will continue to be added as they are approved.
 - Suggestion made for the advising subcommittee to point to some double majors that could be mapped against Pathways minors.

4. Review of Special Study & Study Abroad Proposals

- Special Study - ENGE 2984: Service Learning and Beyond, for Pathways Concept 7 (Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the U.S.). Proposal linked [here](#).
 - Unanimously approved for Pathways Concept 7.
- Study Abroad – SBIO 3954: Ireland: Culture, History, and Environment, for Pathways Concept 3 (Reasoning in the Social Sciences). Proposal linked [here](#).

- The committee would like more information before approving. Aaron and Earl offered to provide some guidance on what additional information is needed and will send that to Stephen to share with the proposers.

5. Subcommittees

Committee members were asked to sign up by 5:00 pm on Friday, Sep. 3 for the subcommittee of their choice by entering their name under the chosen subcommittee [here](#).

- PGEERC (2 reps)
- Assessment
- Advising
- Collaboratory

6. Foundational/Advanced issue for Discourse and Quantitative and Computational Thinking

Discussion of the requirement of the 6 credits of foundational + 3 credits of advanced, its impact on a couple of unique student situations, and potential options for flexibility so that substitutions aren't required. For example, for students who only have 3 credits of foundational quant/comp but have 6 credits of advanced. The advising subcommittee will further explore this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm by Hannah Shinault.

Minutes compiled by Jenni Gallagher

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2021-2022 Members**

Jill Sible	Executive Vice President and Provost or designee	ex officio
Bethany Bodo/Molly Hall	Director of Institutional Effectiveness	ex officio
Taran Cardone	Division of Student Affairs representative selected by the Vice President of Student Affairs	ex officio
Aaron Ansell	Appointee of Executive Vice President and Provost	2024
Victoria Lael	Appointee of Executive Vice President and Provost	2024
Anita Walz	Faculty representative from University Libraries	2022
Hannah Shinault	CLAHS	2023
Annie Ronan	CAUS	2023
Brian Collins	PCOB	2022
Sara Arena	COE	2022
Sparkle Williams	COS	2024
Earl Kline	CNRE	2024
Angela Anderson	CALS	2024
Richard Rateau	Faculty Senate representative	2022
Nicole Pitterson	Faculty Senate representative	2024
Zack Underwood	University Studies representative	2022
	Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies representative	2022
	Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity representative	2022
	Student Government Association representative	2022
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