

UCCGE Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2020

2:30-3:45 pm, Zoom meeting

Present: Angela Anderson, Sara Arena, Taran Cardone, Kevin Carlson, Ellington Graves, Molly Hall, Shelley Martin, Kristin Phillips, Richard Rateau, Maren Roman, Annie Ronan, Hannah Shinault, Jill Sible, Rob Stephens, Zack Underwood, Anita Walz, James Wilson

Absent:

Guests: Stephen Biscotte, Jenni Gallagher

Call to Order: Rob Stephens at 2:30 pm

1. Introductions

- Rob welcomed everyone to the UCCGE's inaugural Fall 2020 Zoom meeting!

2. Chair and Vice-Chair Nominations and Vote

- Chair Nominations: Rob Stephens
- Vice Chair Nominations
 - o There were no nominations for vice chair. Rob asked for everyone to give the matter serious thought before the October meeting.

3. Pathways Assessment (Molly Hall)

- The provost has suspended data collection for Fall 2020
 - o Anyone who would still like to submit data can work with Molly directly (mrhall@vt.edu).
- Molly's office has completed data reports for prior semesters, which the Office of Gen Ed will distribute to the committee.

4. Pathways, Two Years In...

Where does gen ed stand as we enter our third year of Pathways?

- Transfer students now entering on Pathways
 - o There was discussion about how the process is working for students transferring from community colleges. Stephen noted that the Office of Gen Ed has been working on this topic with Admissions and the Registrar's Office, and are handling issues on a case-by-case basis when needed. The three offices will be working together on putting together Pathways materials specifically targeted towards VCCS transfer students.
 - o A follow-up question was asked about how the advising process is going for transfer students. Zach responded that traditional students go through a pre-

orientation module that includes Pathways info, and they are working towards including similar Pathways modules for transfer students.

- Students are now graduating on Pathways

5. Transfer Requests (Stephen Biscotte)

- There have been ~60 requests from March 2020 to date
- Walkthrough of new process
 - o Stephen walked through the new transfer credit review process that was implemented university-wide in the spring, noting that it has been well received by both advisors and students.
 - o There was discussion about an appeals process for these requests. Stephen noted that there is currently no official appeals process. It was suggested that the UCCGE could serve as the appeals body, and also that the issue could be put before the associate deans' roundtable for discussion.
 - o It was asked if requests for CLE credits are still being received, and Stephen confirmed that they are, and noted that we will likely continue to see these requests for another year or two, possibly longer.

6. Pathways Resource Repository for Instructors (Jenni Gallagher)

- Overview of project (Canvas site linked [here](#))
 - o Jenni provided an overview of the site, and explained that the purpose is to gather resources, organized by Pathways concept, that instructors can use when designing and assessing their own Pathways courses.
- UCCGE collaboration
 - o Suggestions for how the UCCGE could support this work included:
 - Kicking the effort off with a workshop (similar to prior Pathways workshops)
 - Adding a question to the Pathways assessment data collection form, asking instructors if they would be interested in sharing any of their materials
 - Coordinating with VTGrATE
 - Reach out to ATE and DIGGS awards recipients
 - Reach out to faculty who have been supporters of sharing resources (for example, FYE faculty)
 - Reach out to faculty who we know have been doing good work in the classroom
 - o The committee established a subcommittee to support the project.

7. Subcommittees

Committee members signed up for their choice of subcommittee, linked [here](#).

- PGEERC (2 reps)
- Assessment
- Advising

- Resource Repository

The first subcommittee meeting will be during the next general meeting on 10/7.

8. Other Business?

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm

Minutes compiled by Jenni Gallagher

**University Curriculum Committee for General Education
2020-2021 Members**

Rob Stephens	Chair	2021
Jill Sible	Executive Vice President and Provost or designee	ex officio
Bethany Bodo/Molly Hall	Director of Assessment and Evaluation	ex officio
Taran Cardone	Division of Student Affairs representative selected by the Vice President of Student Affairs	ex officio
Rob Stephens	Appointee of Executive Vice President and Provost	2021
Shelley Martin	Appointee of Executive Vice President and Provost	2021
Anita Walz	Faculty representative from University Libraries	2022
Hannah Shinault	CLAHS	2023
Annie Ronan	CAUS	2023
Brian Collins	PCOB	2022
Sara Arena	COE	2022
Kristin Phillips	COS	2021
Maren Roman	CNRE	2021
James Wilson	CALS	2021
Richard Rateau	Faculty Senate representative	2022
Angela Anderson	Faculty Senate representative	2021
Vacant	Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies representative	2021
Ellington Graves	Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity representative	2021
Zach Underwood	University Studies representative	2022
Vacant	Student Government Association representative	2021
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