

General Education Committee Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2017

Committee members attending: Keying Ding, Brandi Lindsey, Nancy Caukin, Yang Soo Kim, Virginia Hemby, Zaf Khan, Greg Nagel, Dovie Kimmins, Mike Boyle, Barbara Turnage, Amy Sayward, Philip Loubere

Ex-officio members attending: Sheila Otto, Dawn McCormack (for Karen Petersen)

Guests attending: None

Business:

- Following a welcome from Nancy Caukin (the committee's chair) and introductions, the minutes of the October 28, 2016, meeting were approved—moved by Barbara Turnage, seconded by Amy Sayward, and approved unanimously.
- Title changes for DANC 1000 and THEA 1030 were presented for approval. TBR approval is not required for a title change. The request for title changes is due to the need to keep these courses parallel to other TBR General Education Fine Arts offerings. The new names for these two courses are Introduction to Dance and Introduction to Theatre. The request for name changes for DANC 1000 and THEA 1030 was approved—moved by Mike Boyle, seconded by Barbara Turnage, and approved unanimously.
- The General Education Committee meeting on November 18 focused on website changes. Following the meeting, modifications were made to the General Education website. Members were encouraged to review the website to see the changes. Nancy Caukin indicated that Vine videos of students discussing how their General Education courses had affected them and how they felt about their courses may be added to the website at a later date. Nancy Caukin asked for committee members to send names of any students who would be interested in working on the videos and/or who would be good candidates for participating in the videos.
- Nancy Caukin reported that the Physical Geography (PGEO 1030) Course Proposal is at the TBR. Randy Schulte stated that all proposals have to be handled at TBR by March 16 as that is the last date that TBR can act on any of these issues.
- Sheila Otto reported that the committee needs to develop new procedures for approving General Education courses. TBR has previously provided an additional level of approval for appropriate General Education courses, and we do not believe THEC will assume this responsibility. Nancy Caukin encouraged committee members to start thinking about the process. At the April meeting, the committee will determine new procedures and make a recommendation to the provost. Phil Loubere suggested that once the committee decides on the procedural rules, that those rules be added to the General Education website.

- Nancy Caukin reminded members of their sub-committee memberships and allowed sub-committees to break out for discussions at this point. Sub-committees will meet on March 24, 2017, to discuss respective charges. The next General Education Committee meeting will be April 7, 2017, at 2 p.m. in JUB 100.
- The committee adjourned at the conclusion of its business.