**General Education Council**

2022 – 2023 Academic Year

**Agenda for the meeting on Tuesday, October 25th, 2022, in DHC 151 at 3:30 P.M.**

* *Zoom for those in quarantine:* [*https://ship.zoom.us/my/gochenaur*](https://ship.zoom.us/my/gochenaur)

1. Dr. Gochenaur called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM. Attendance at the meeting included: S. Benbow, S. Bergsten, C. Botteron, L. Brown, A. Carey, L. Cella, M. Cohen, S. Cornell, B. Culbertson, Y. Edwards, C. Girard, D. Gochenaur, N. Jepsen, K. Johnson, N. Jepsen, M. Knight, W. Kubasko, R. Lesman, Y. Liu, J. Lohrey, K. Lorenz, M. McNelis, A. Mellott, D. Predecki, J. Smith, B. Ulrich, A. Vassallo, K. Weikel, J. Windholz
2. Review and approve the minutes of the previous council meeting – **See** **Attachment A**

**MOTION:** Approved the 9/27/2022 minutes unanimously.

1. Opening Remarks - Dr. Gochenaur welcomed the group and moved directly into the agenda given the number of discussion and voting items.
2. Old Business
   1. Reports from our Standing Committees
      1. Budget (Dr. Shirk)
         1. Minutes
            1. 9/14/2022 – **See Attachment B**
            2. 10/13/2022 – **See Attachment C**
         2. Grant Proposal – The Budget Committee recommending approval for Dr. Connelly’s proposal. Motion is approved unanimously.
         3. Note: The Documentation Committee is working on clearing the website to include only the most recent GEC grant application.
      2. Assessment (Dr. Weikel)
         1. Minutes attached - 10/18/2022 – **See Attachment E**
         2. Follow-up on ‘no data’ courses
      3. GEC/UCC Liaison (Dr. Lesman) – No news to report at this time.
      4. Program Committee (Dr. Lesman)
         1. Minutes attached
            1. 10/14/2022 – **See Attachments F**
            2. 9/26/2022 Town Halls – **See Attachments G**
         2. Proposals
            1. AEES 120 – **See Attachments H –** This is a revised course with assessment data. Program Committee recommended approval for this course.

**MOTION:** Approved AEES 120 unanimously.

* + - * 1. CSC 120 – **See Attachments I**
        2. CSC 180 – **See Attachments J**

**MOTION:** Approved courses CSC 120 and 180 to be removed. Passed unanimously

1. DE Pilot – **See Attachments K -** Concerns raised about the impact to GEC program, seats, and data collection. The Program Committee voted to ask for clarification about the data collection, what will be collected, how will the data be shared, etc. Discussion led to questions about timing for Spring courses. Clarification was provided that the pilot study will begin in Fall 2023. Questions emerged about the purpose of moving courses online related to recruitment, class size, the number of courses that are offered within the pilot, why GEC, the program interest in teaching courses, potential bias against smaller programs, impact on student success, concerns for students who may need more support than online modality may provide, concerns for first year students, first year student agency in selecting classes, what is the data on the number of courses students are taking at other institutions, potential requirements for faculty teaching online courses, fees are different for online courses, and the balance of face to face courses and online.

GOCHENAUR motioned and ULRICH seconded that the vote be tabled until the January 31st GEC Meeting to allow discussions occur at College Councils.

**MOTION:** Table the DE Pilot vote. Passed unanimously.

1. Blended 2 Policy Change – **See Attachments L –** The language change brings into alignment the current definition with the CBA. Dr. Dobbs clarified that the department makes decision about curriculum delivery.

**MOTION:** Approved the Blended 2 Policy Change. Yes-25, No-1, Abstention-1,

* + - 1. Program Revision updates
         1. Survey – results – Chair results are currently at 50%. Dr. Gochenaur recommended that the GEC wait until at least 2/3 of the chairs respond to the survey. This addresses 3a. and 3b.
         2. Chairs survey on (1) prefix rule, and (2) N Category discussion.
         3. Handbook revisions – **See Attachments M –** BERGSTEN offered a friendly amendment for the following minor changes to the Handbook that are non-substantive: p. 6 new date & course revisions, p. 7 update to transfer of AS’s to align with PASSHE Policy #1999-01-A, p. 8 UNIV 101 recommending the cap, p. 21 updating H rubric; p. 37-8 including 2020 approved policies, p. 39 removing contact names, p. 40 adding existing policies to list, p. 41 updating course listing, footer updated to 10/25/22 approval, and various capitalizations and punctuation throughout.

**MOTION:** Approve BERGSTEN’s friendly amendment for minor Handbook revisions as indicated. Passed unanimously.

WINDHOLTZ made an amendment that the statement on to adjust language for UNIV 101 description on p.8 to read, “UNIV 101 is organized around student success.” ULRICH seconded.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve amendment to adjust language for UNIV 101 description to read, “UNIV 101 is organized around student success.” Passed unanimously.

WINDHOLTZ made an amendment to change the language on page 31 to “in the terms in which data is collected, CORNELL seconded.

**MOTION:** Change the language on page 31 to “in the terms in which data is collected.”

Passed unanimously.

GOCHENAUR motioned that the GEC meeting would stop and continue at this point for the next meeting. SMITH seconded.

**MOTION:** Stop GEC Meeting and continue at this point in the agenda for the next meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Dr. Gochenaur posed the following question at the close of the meeting for the group to process before the next GEC meeting. - *Is UNIV 101 on the table for program array discussion?*

Call to adjourn at 4:50 PM.

Minutes reported by Wendy Kubasko.

The remaining items for this agenda will be the first items for the next agenda.

* + 1. First Year Experience (Dr. Bennett)
       1. Minutes 9/15/2022 – **See Attachments N**
  1. GEC Antiracism Task Force (Dr. Moll)
  2. Documentation Committee (Dr. Cornell)
  3. By-Laws Revision Committee (Dr. Ulrich) – **See Attachments O**

1. New Business
2. Announcements
3. Call to adjourn