

MINUTES
General Education Committee
September 24, 2024
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Montecito Room

Members present: Gregg Afman (Professor of Kinesiology), Alister Chapman (Professor of History), Jana Mayfield Mullen (Director, Library & Information Services), Tatiana Nazarenko (Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness), Tara Sturges (Recording Secretary, Associate Registrar), Telford Work (Chair, Professor of Religious Studies)

Absent: Michelle Hardley (Registrar)

Guests: Steve Contakes (Professor of Chemistry/Vice Chair of Academic Senate; Tim Loomer (Assistant Vice President of Research, Planning, and Implementation and Assistant to the President for Board Relations)

I. Prayer – Tatiana Nazarenko

II. The minutes from September 10, 2024

The minutes from September 10, 2024, were unanimously approved.

III. Election of the Committee Chair

Telford Work was nominated and voted in to be the 2024-2025 GE Committee chair.

IV. CAL- GETC: Steve Contakes, Vice Chair of the Senate

Steve Contakes provided background information as to how and why senate is interested in collaborating with the GE Committee concerning the newly established CAL-GETC articulation agreements between California community colleges and the University of California and California State University institutions. Academic senators are interested in considering how the CAL-GETC might impact Westmont's GE and whether these potential impacts might result in revisions to transfer credit policies related to Westmont's GE requirements. Although the analysis may result in no changes to current policy, Academic Senate would like to explore this topic. As senate wishes to collaborate with the GE Committee on this endeavor, the vice-chair asked the GE Committee members whether there is capacity on the 2024-2025 academic year agenda to include this project.

Discussion included the role that the GE Committee would play in the work of this project, such as creating proposals for transfer credit policies, if appropriate, to present to

senate and affirming the senate's role as they present proposals to the full faculty. It was decided that further discussion is needed to determine the level of engagement to which the committee can commit during the 2024-2025 academic year.

V. ART-23 Revised Syllabus

After reviewing the revised ART-023 syllabus, the committee unanimously affirmed their approval for ART-023 to fulfill the JRD GE requirement beginning in Spring. A committee member informed the professor of this update.

VI. RS-142 Submission Form; RS-142 Syllabus; RS-142 Rationale

After discussion, the committee unanimously affirmed that the updated syllabus for RS-142 demonstrates that the course fulfills the Thinking Globally GE requirement. A committee member informed the professor of this update.

VII. MU-022 Syllabus; MU-022 Submission Form and Rationale

Discussion of this item was postponed to a future meeting.

VIII. JRD assessment: Tim Loomer (Google Drive)

Tim Loomer attended the meeting to review various documents describing the Westmont's proposal to WSCUC for implementing and assessing the JRD GE requirement. Tim clarified the criteria WSCUC expects from the assessment and reviewed the timeline by which the report must be submitted, with the final version due in Fall 2025.

The committee decided to postpone further discussion to the next meeting due to shortness of time.

IX. Other Business

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sturges