

Present: John Allred, John Belk, Sam Crittenden, Anne Diekema, Daniel Eves, Lindsay Fullerton, Randy Johnson, Jon Karpel, Katya Konkle, Johnny MacLean, Krystal McCoy, Shauna Mendini, Jim Mock, Michael Ostrowsky, Alisa Petersen, Ravi Roy, James Sage, Paul Schnider, Emma Turner, Nichole Wangsgard, and Alison Adams

- I. Approval of Minutes from January 7th, 2019
 - A. Minutes approved

- II. Announcements
 - A. Luncheon for GE Committee & Advisors – March 7th 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Whiting Room
 1. This kind of event will help build relationships across Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. Sharing of perspectives will be beneficial.

- III. Discussion Items
 - A. Arts 3900
 1. Idea for possible proposal in the GE Knowledge Area of Fine Arts. Presented by Dean Shauna Mendini, Associate Dean Nichole Wangsgard, and Alisa Petersen.
 2. Elementary Education majors are currently one of the highest credit programs and takes students five years to complete.
 3. CPVA and COEHD have been working to bring credits down in secondary education and are now looking at elementary education.
 4. All Elementary Education majors take a course in every arts discipline, art, theatre, dance, and music.
 5. Students take movement and theatre in one semester, then music and art together in the next and finalize the sequence with a course on creative arts integration.
 6. SUU has set a standard for arts education in elementary education across the state.
 7. Purpose today is to introduce the idea, and allow GE Committee members to ask questions and vocalize concerns. Then, find a way to move forward.
 - a) Is it possible to give GE designation to the ELED 4000?
 - i. It wouldn't fit the GE requirements as it's a methods course not teaching arts.
 - b) The 3900 courses push students of their comfort zones and into a knowledge area.
 - c) The options are to either make all four courses GE or waive/satisfy the Fine Arts GE area for the major after the courses are completed.
 - d) If we don't make it GE, if a student changes their major they'll need to take a fine arts GE Course.
 - e) Is there a downside to other majors taking these courses? Would they get as much enrichment as a student in another fine arts GE?
 - i. It would be valuable for anyone interested in the courses
 - f) Are the Fine Arts learning outcomes and ELO's already integrated into the course?
 - i. Yes, could satisfy the creative thinking, teamwork, and/or lifelong learning ELO's

- g) Is there something about the courses that make them 3000 level
 - i. We don't currently have 3000 level courses in our GE program
 - ii. Do students need to be at the 3000 level to take the course?
 - iii. Freshmen are probably not ready for the courses
 - h) What is the preference for designation?
 - i. Either works.
 - i) Waiving the fine arts requirement would keep freshman from taking the courses. Could also put a prerequisite or registration restriction.
8. If a proposal comes in, the Curriculum Management workgroup can thoroughly vet the proposal and there could be a vote at the next meeting.
- a) Johnny will let Shauna know the suggested course of action

B. New Course Proposals

- 1. SUU 1776
 - a) Motion to approve the requested GE designation by Emma Turner second by Anne Diekema
 - b) Approved
- 2. SUU 3000
 - a) Course for transfer students and students who don't fit well into the SUU 1000 course.
 - b) Proposed as 1 – 3 credits, a student taking 1 credit would bring the GE total below 30. Might need to ask them to change the credits to 2 – 3 credits
 - c) Currently considering making SUU 3000 a university requirement to require that all students take it or SUU 1000.
 - d) SUU 3000 was designed to meet a specific need for students who wouldn't be taking SUU 1000. The vast majority will take SUU 1000. The idea of these courses is to help student acclimate to SUU.
 - i. SUU 3000 is for students who aren't first year freshmen, the students the course is designed to serve are likely to not be happy having to take a 1000 level course. Designed to help the transition to SUU
 - e) Motion to approve GE Designation for the course with a 2 – 3 credit range by Jon Karpel. Motion not seconded: motion failed.
 - f) Concern over 3000 level in GE – Discussion
 - g) Can we accept the knowledge that this course can be taken and waive the GE requirement?
 - i. Someone would need to own the process to waive the requirement.
 - ii. Who would make the waiver decision?
 - iii. We don't usually substitute GE courses.
 - iv. Waiving would require the proper authority and responsibility to be aligned
 - h) Why can't the course be SUU 2000?
 - i. Transfer students don't want to have to take a 2000 level course.

- ii. By listing it as SUU 3000 it provides something students are less likely to resist before even enrolling.
 - i) Do we want to make the decision to not approve upper division GE in general?
 - i. Straw Poll – Should SUU remove the possibility to have 3000 level GE Courses? Should we restrict GE to the 1000 and 2000 level?
 - ii. Results split between, yes, no, and unknown
 - j) What would be the function of restricting the course levels in the GE Program?
 - i. If it's GE – anyone can take it
 - ii. 3000 level classes assume a base of knowledge
 - iii. Does previous experience change the assumption that all freshman are all the same level?
 - iv. Should it be decided at the departmental level?
 - v. Does the interdisciplinary element of SUU 3000 change the thoughts on the upper-division limit
 - vi. USHE system already has a precedent for upper-division GE
 - k) Waiving requirements?
 - i. Can we waive requirements and a student not earn those credits?
 - ii. Waivers are non-transferable, if a student transferred to another school the GE requirement would be unmet.
 - l) Will table the discussion until the next meeting and plan to vote at the March 4th meeting.
 - 3. Next month the committee will discuss 3000 level courses in GE and Waiving vs satisfying.
- C. Workgroup update
- 1. Assessment workgroup update
 - a) Working on ELO modules
 - 2. Resources workgroup update
 - a) Working on prioritizing GE in the online environment
 - 3. The three work groups should meet before the next Committee meeting.
- D. Meeting adjourned 5:35 pm