

General Education Meeting  
October 28, 2013

APPROVED 12/9/13

Members Present: Jason Swift, Sandra Gamble, Jim Stiles, Jeremiah Duncan, David Zehr, Kristine Levan, Pat Cantor (chair), Alex Herbst (student)

Observers Present: Mary Cambell, Jason Cordeira

Members Absent: Jirasak Theplama

- Welcome Kristine Levan and Jason Cordeira to the committee
- Minutes discussions
  - o Minutes will be completed via template to be put together by Pat
  - o Jason Cordeira will tally all votes in meeting
  - o Keep running record as best as possible, make sure info gets to Mary as necessary
- Approval of September 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
  - o Corrections submitted to Jim Stiles
  - o Minutes approved with corrections
- Sunset Renewal Proposal: AH 2700 20/21 – Art Since 1900
  - o Question was asked about the lack of explanation for WRCO aspect of course, with 65% of the course being based on writing, with little explanation of this in the syllabus
    - Weekly writings are assigned to the students, building the assignments in a progression to a larger art history project
    - Smaller bits of writing, not huge research papers
    - Weekly writing is not a graded process, more of a “check, check plus, check minus” setup
  - o Suggested that the explanation of the types of writings be better explained in the syllabus
    - Writing explanation is further explained on the Moodle page
    - Possibly could add to the syllabus in the future
  - o Question regarding expectations for a students in the class, particularly in the attendance policy
    - Not relevant to the discussion on WRCO aspect of this course
  - o Vote will wait until further information will be provided about writings needed
- Sunset Renewal Proposal: HIDI 1308 – Gilded Ages
  - o Commented that history can fall into both Self and Society and Past and Present directions
  - o Updates have already been made to the course syllabus
  - o Question regarding the course objective seeming to be more past and present based than self and society based
    - Acknowledgement that original syllabus has objectives more based on past and present than self and society
    - Updated syllabus matches closely to that of when the General Education Committee originally approved this course as a self and society

- Professors will meet to discuss updated syllabus as needed
    - Student evaluations show that the course meets the self and society requirements to their knowledge
  - Motion was made by Alex Herbst to renew HIDI 1308 as a Self and Society Direction, seconded by Jason Swift
  - Vote Results:
- Curriculum Committee Updates
  - Change to Scientific Inquiry course Exploring Grammar to a three credit course
  - Ample discussion on the change in the course
  - Pat will contact the chair of the English Department to come to our meeting to discuss whether or not the course still meets the SIDI requirement
  - Information will be provided ahead of time by the department
- General Education Student Survey
  - See presentation and supplemental information uploaded by Alex Herbst on Moodle
- Spring 2013 General Education Proposal
  - Should we evaluate the reporting by the NEASC study group in the coming week?
  - Motion has been voted in favor of bringing to faculty twice
  - Polling the faculty for mandate on Gen Ed change?