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**USFSP Faculty Senate Report
Academic Year 2014-2015
General Education Committee (GEC), Standing Committee
Committee Chair: Morgan Gresham (CAS)**

Committee Members

Name	College	Term
Morgan Gresham, Chair	CAS	
Anthony Stamatoplos	Library	2014-2016
Hugh Lafollette	CAS	2013-2017
Adrian O'Connor	CAS	2013-2016
Paul Wang	CAS	2014-2016
David John	CAS	2013-2017
Kathleen Carvalho-Knighton	CAS	2013-2016
Deanna Michael	COE	2013-2016
Richard Smith	COB	2013-2016
Cyndie Collins	Advising, <i>ex officio</i> non-voting	
unfilled position	ADM Institutional Effectiveness <i>ex officio</i> non-voting	
unfilled position	UGAC -TBD- <i>ex officio</i> non-voting	

GEC Senate Charge

1. Monitor FL legislation that will impact Gen Ed courses and requirements
2. Provide guidance to faculty in all colleges as they assess current GE courses
3. Continue to evaluate and revise the Student Learning Outcomes
4. Make suggestions to improve GE assessment
5. Establish and implement criteria for acceptance of new campus-specific GE courses

Meeting Dates

Friday, 19 September 2014; Friday, 17 October 2014; Friday, 14 November 2014
Friday, 6 February 2015; Friday 13 March 2015; Friday, 27 March 2015, Friday, 17 April 2015

Links to Meeting Minutes

[9/19/14](#)

[10/17/14](#)

11/14/14

2/6/15
[3/13/15](#)
[3/27/15](#)
4/17/15

Summary of Important Decisions and Actions AY 2014-2015

1. Approved the inclusion of a representative from Academic Advising serve on the GE committee ex officio
2. Completed the vetting and approval process of all state-mandated GE courses that will be taught at USFSP ([see full list on page 5](#))
3. Completed analysis of current (Old) and new (AY 2015) GE courses and recommended to departments that departments want or need to offer some of the old General Education courses for current students to complete their General Education requirements or for department/major specific reasons, but for General Education purposes, offering the new General Education courses should adequately service students under both the outgoing and incoming General Education systems.
4. Completed the vetting and approval of the following campus-specific GE courses
 - a. Communications
 - i. ENC 1102: Composition II
 - ii. MMC 3602: Mass Communications and Society
 - b. Humanities
 - i. ARH 2050: History of Visual Arts I
 - ii. ARH 2015: History of Visual Arts II
 - iii. PHI 2630: Contemporary Moral Issues
 - iv. WOH 2030: World History since 1815
 - c. Natural Sciences
 - i. ANT 2511: Biological Anthropology
 - ii. GEO 2000: Physical Geography
 - iii. EVR 2217: Energy, Environment, and Sustainability
 - d. Social Sciences
 - i. ANT 2410: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
 - ii. GEA 2000: World Geography
 - iii. CPO 2002: Introduction to Comparative Politics
5. Recommend that a requirement be implemented: in addition to the state requirement that 15 credit hours be distributed equally across the 5 GE fields, that an additional 15 credit hours be distributed equally across the 5 fields (i.e. that students be required to take 6 credit hours in each of the GE fields of Communications, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and the Humanities, leaving 6 credit hours as electives).
6. Committee approved OASIS search terms for Gen Ed classes that meet the new Gen Ed requirements beginning in summer 2015
7. Reviewed catalog changes for General Education section and approved catalog changes.
8. Committee approved continuation of the USF system general education articulation agreement

9. Committee voted to recommend to the Faculty Senate that there be a minimum grade of C- in GE courses for students to receive GE credit, with a scheduled review of the consequences of this change 2 years after its implementation.
10. Worked with Mike Chen to add in new courses and new SLOs to the existing GE assessment tool.

Agenda for next academic year:

1. Review Gordon rule and Gordon Rule courses
2. Review Exit courses

Senate Actions Requested:

- Request that the Faculty Senate **include in its charge** for General Education Committee for AY 2015-2016 the development of the review, recertification, replacement process that will include substantial and sustained work on the process of assessing GE courses and areas, on developing a coherent and well-considered process of meaningful review, recertification, and replacement of GE courses, and on designing an implementation process and timeline for the findings in each year's reviews.
 - Members discussed the inclusion in the template website of the following materials: 1) the official mission and charge of the GE committee, as well as the GE Philosophy; 2) the history of the GE program and its revision in light of the Florida state legislature's reform of general education requirements; 3) GE area SLOs; 4) a clear presentation of how GE courses and areas will be reviewed (one area each academic year), of what will be included in the review process, how it will proceed, and when its results will take effect.
- Request for AY 2015-2016 General Education Charge to **include a general moratorium** on new GE course proposals, except in such extraordinary cases that the integrity of the GE program demands it.
- Request for clarification regarding General Education Committee's relationship to exit courses and the "liberal arts requirement" before reviewing applications for Exit Courses. Specifically what relationship – if any – the GE committee ought to have with courses that are designated:
 - Gordon rule (some course are not GE courses that are Gordon rule)
 - Exit courses

Suggest that Faculty Senate **include that clarification in its charge** for General Education Committee for AY 2015-2016.
- Recommend Faculty Senate **endorse** OASIS search terms for Gen Ed classes that meet the new Gen Ed requirements beginning in summer 2015
- Recommend Faculty Senate **approve** that there be a minimum grade of C- in GE courses for students to receive GE credit, with a scheduled review of the consequences of this change 2 years after its implementation.
- Recommend Faculty Senate **endorse** the catalog changes made by the GEC for AY 2015-16
 - to include new state-mandated and USFSP-specific courses;

- to include a minimum grade of C- in GE courses for students to receive GE credit;
 - to include equal distribution of GE requirements throughout the GE core.
- Recommend Faculty Senate **endorse** continuation of the USF system General Education articulation agreement.

USFSP 2015 General Education Courses

Note: All students must have at least one course from the "State Courses List" for each general education category. The second course in each general education category can come from either the State Course list or the USFSP Course List.

ENGLISH – 6 HRS.

STATE COURSES	USFSP COURSES
ENC 1101: English Composition I (3)	ENC 1102: English Composition II (3)

HUMANITIES – 6 HRS.

STATE COURSES – MINIMUM 3 HRS.	USFSP COURSES
ARH 2000: Art Appreciation (3)	ARH 2050: History of Visual Arts I (3)
HUM 1020: Introduction to Humanities (3)	ARH 2051: History of Visual Arts II (3)
LIT 2000: Introduction to Literature (3)	PHI 2630: Contemporary Moral Issues (3)
MUL 2010: Music Appreciation (3)	WOH 2030: World History Since 1815 (3)
PHI 2010: Introduction to Philosophy (3)	
THE 2000: Theater Appreciation (3)	

MATHEMATICS – 6 HRS.

STATE COURSES – MINIMUM 3 HRS.	USFSP COURSES
MAC 1105: College Algebra (3)	
MAC 2311: Calculus I (4)	
MGF 1106: Finite Math (3)	
MGF 1107: Mathematics for Liberal Arts (3)	
STA 2023: Introductory Statistics (3)	

NATURAL SCIENCES – 6 HRS.

STATE COURSES – MINIMUM 3 HRS.	USFSP COURSES
BSC 1005: Principles of Biology for Non-majors (3)	ANT 2511: Biological Anthropology (3) Linked with ANT 2511L
BSC 2010: Biology I – Cellular Processes (3) Linked with BSC 2010L (1)	GEO 2200: Introduction to Physical Geography (3)
BSC 2085: Anatomy & Physiology for Health Prof (3)	EVR 2217 Energy, Environ. & Sustain. (3)
CHM 2020: Chemistry for Liberal Studies I (3)	
CHM 2045: General Chemistry I (3) Linked with CHM 2045L (1)	
ESC 2000: Introduction to Earth Science (3)	
EVR 2001: Intro to Environmental Science (3) EVR 2001L (1) is required for ESP majors	
PHY 2053: General Physics I (3)	

Linked with PHY 2053L (1)	
Accepted in transfer credit by state-wide articulation - AST 2002 Descriptive Astronomy (3)	
Accepted in transfer credit by state-wide articulation - PHY 2020 Fundamentals of Physics (3)	
Accepted in transfer credit by state-wide articulation - PHY 2048 General Physics w/Calc. (3)	

SOCIAL SCIENCES – 6 HRS.

STATE COURSES – MINIMUM 3 HRS.	USFSP COURSES
AMH 2020: Introduction Survey since 1877 (3)	ANT 2410: Cultural Anthropology (3)
ANT 2000: Introduction to Anthropology (3)	GEA 2000: World Regional Geography (3)
ECO 2013: Principles of Macroeconomics (3)	CPO 2002: Intro to Comparative Pol. (3)
POS 2041: American National Government (3)	
PSY 2012: Introduction to Psychological Sciences (3)	
SYG 2000: Introduction to Sociology (3)	

ELECTIVES – 6 HRS.

Additional courses may be selected from any of the categories above to fulfil this General Education electives category.