

Minutes

General Education Requirements Committee

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

2:30-4:30 p.m.

GERC's website: www.isu.edu/gerc

Attendance: Jim Skidmore, Edward Kammerer, Joanne Tokle, Tayo Omotowa, Kimberly Miller, Anna Grinath, Kirsten Bernabee
Ex-officio: Shu-Yuan Lin, Karen Appleby, Hala Abou Arraj, Sacha Johnson, Ben Bolin (UCC), Catherine Read
Excused: Kara Kener; Karen Fullmer, Jonathan Gaddy, Beverly Ray
Guest: None

1. **Announcements:** None

2. Council **approved**, with one abstention, the Minutes for [October 24, 2023](#)

3. **Updates and Information:**

a. Executive Committee update –

b. Academic Affairs update – Karen Appleby, Cindy Hill

[Mid-cycle Accreditation Report](#) – draft for GERC's review; feedback is due by next meeting on **Nov. 28**.

c. UCC update – Ben Bolin

UCC meets this week to finish considering proposals for the 2024-25 catalog. Awaiting GERC's decision on the new Gen Ed course proposals under consideration today.

4. **Unfinished Business:**

a. Guidance/recommendations for a process for selecting ISU's GEM Award nominees, and formally recognizing those excellent Gen Ed instructors here at ISU. Consider creating a nomination/application form, instructions, and create a committee to review the applications and select the nominees.

For GERC's consideration and suggestions:

[Updated DRAFT: ISU Excellence in General Education Teaching Award Nomination](#) -

Karen Appleby explained the idea behind this award and nomination process. Academic Affairs is asking GERC if they are willing to serve as the nomination review committee. Deans would like to honor all nominees at the annual Teaching and Learning symposium, not just the award winners. Recusal process is included, since many of GERC members also teach gen ed courses. Karen answered members' questions.

c. Select GERC members to chair Objectives 3 & 4 Review Committees in early Spring 2024:

Objective 3: **Anna Grinath** volunteered

Objective 4: (*co-chairs would be helpful...*) No volunteers, deferred until next meeting.

5. **New Gen Ed Course Proposals** - time critical, ready for GERC's review

a. [CE/ME 1150 Obj 9 New Gen Ed Course Proposal](#) - remanded last time for revisions

Motion to approve the document with the attachment for Objective 9. Motion **seconded**. Motion **passed** unanimously. **CE/ME 1150 was approved for Objective 9.**

ACTION: Catherine Read will fix the Google Doc course proposal to match the .pdf document submitted as the supplemental information.

- b. [HCA 1115 Obj 9 New Gen Ed Course Proposal](#) - remanded last time for revisions

Motion to approve the proposal. Motion **seconded**. Motion **passed** unanimously. **HCA 1115 was approved for Objective 9.**

ACTION: Catherine Read will fix the Google Doc course proposal to match the .pdf document submitted as the supplemental information. Embed the comments into the proposal before resolving them.

- c. [SPAN 2221 Obj 9 New Gen Ed Course Proposal](#)

Motion to approve the proposal for SPAN 2221 for Objective 4. Motion **seconded**. Motion **passed**, with 4 in favor, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

- d. GERC's [UCC Proposal #72](#) to update the Gen Ed Program within the undergraduate catalog

Motion to approve Proposal #72 to update the Gen Ed Program in accordance with all changes approved over the course of this catalog cycle. Motion **seconded**. Motion **passed** unanimously.

6. Assessment Plans – ready for GERC's review

- a. [Obj 6 PSYC 1101 Assessment Plan - 2nd Cycle FY2022](#) - revisions to be considered by GERC.

Motion to approve this Assessment Plan. Motion **seconded**. Discussion. Motion **passed** unanimously, the Plan was approved..

Assessment Plans for discussion when ready:

- a. [Obj 8 FIN 1115 Assessment Plan](#) – remanded for revisions

- b. [PHIL 2260 Assessment Plan](#) – GERC has **approved the course** for Objective 7; **Plan** still awaiting revisions

Physics is using the approved Plan for PHYS 1113 as a template for the rest of these; will submit the completed Plans for GERC's consideration when they are ready.

- f. [Revised Physics Assessment Plans folder](#)

[PHYS 1100 Assessment Plan](#)
[PHYS 1101 Assessment Plan](#)

[PHYS 1101L Assessment Plan](#)

[PHYS 1111 Assessment Plan](#)
[PHYS 1112 Assessment Plan](#)

[PHYS 1114 Assessment Plan](#)

[PHYS 1152 Assessment Plan](#)

[PHYS 1153 Assessment Plan](#)

7. Future Business -

- a. [Transferable Skills Project](#) - for November 28 meeting:
Darren Blagburn's presentation and recommendations from last Spring. Since Darren has now left ISU, GERC and Academic Affairs should consider whether to continue this project into the future, or let it stop here.
- b. New Assessment Plan Template with revised questions – for GERC's consideration and approval after review of pilot plans this fall.
[Assessment plan questions annotated - April 2023](#)
[Assessment plan questions - revised April 2023](#)

8. Adjourn: 3:48 p.m.

Approved by GERC: December 12, 2024
Accepted by UCC: December 13, 2023 via email vote
Accepted by Faculty Senate: February 26, 2024
Accepted by Academic Affairs: April 10, 2024

APPENDICES

New Gen Ed Course Proposals Approved:

1. [CE/ME 1150 Obj 9 New Gen Ed Course Proposal](#)
2. [HCA 1115 Obj 9 New Gen Ed Course Proposal](#)
3. [SPAN 2221 Obj 9 New Gen Ed Course Proposal](#)
4. GERC's [UCC Proposal #72](#) to update the Gen Ed Program within the undergraduate catalog

Assessment Plans Approved

1. [Obj 6 PSYC 1101 Assessment Plan - 2nd Cycle FY2022](#)

Other Documents Accepted: none this week