

**General Education Committee (GEC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 21, 2022**

Members Present: Greenwalt, Hossain, Ferrell, Ruccio, Edwards, Wang, Oliver, Baker, Fears, Harding, Hance, Tunno

Members Absent: Davidson, Huss, Loar (non-voting)

Non-Voting Members Present: Bond, Juarez, Hilson, McLean, Spence, Wicinski

- I. April 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes – Hossain motions to approve, Hance seconds, all approved, motion passes.
- II. Introduction of Members
  - Hilson is introduced as an observer of the committee for future participation.
- III. Chair Election – Harding discusses the Chair election from the Book of Committees. Utter asked that Harding continue in Chair role for the purpose of seeing through Themes
  - a. Discussion – Hossain nominates Harding as Chair, Tunno seconds, all approved, motion passes.
    - Harding asks for Co-chair of GEC for the purposes of managing Themes and continuity. Oliver motions to nominate Baker as Co-chair, Tunno seconds, Baker accepts, all approved, motion passes.
    - Hossain asks what has to happen to make a Co-chair official in the Book of Committees, Harding states that faculty should have the authority to run the committee as they see fit, and Book of Committee discussion continues with University Admin and SGOC.
- IV. GE Themes Updates –
  - Harding and Baker summarize this summer’s work on Themes. Committee discusses which faculty received link to register for the pilot, Harding did discuss Pilot with Chair’s Council, but Hance adds that not all faculty/departments received pilot information.
  - Juarez requests that CQ receive pilot documentation.
  - Harding charges committee to decide this Academic Year how Theming can/should be expanded:
    - More courses added to the two Themes?
    - Adoption of additional Themes?
  - Additionally, informs committee that ACTS still needs to be met in-state, ACTS training/discussion to come for a refresher
  - Baker discusses that the summer work included building goals and rubrics for use in the Thematic programming. Baker shows rubrics for both Creativity and Problem Solving and Technology and Society and expounds on some of the different projects each course is deploying. Baker also speaks about the advertising/communication plan that the two Thematic groups have also begun.

- Baker hopes to continue to meet with faculty groups throughout the pilot for continuous improvement.
- Spence discusses that the Registrar's Office was contacted this summer to re: how the courses will appear in Course Schedule. Harding discusses that Advisors and Students will be focus in advertising campaign. Baker adds that a major emphasis will be through social media.
- Baker addresses that Wicinski has begun an indirect measure of student's interest and learning in a post-survey
- Harding details further that the Registrar's Office, Dean's Council, Undergraduate Curriculum Council and Office of Publications have all been involved in completing components of this initiative.
- Committee discusses that any student, regardless of classification, can take any Thematic General Education as needed. Harding urges that STEM courses be included in the future.
- Hossain asks how can this work with centralized advising? Baker and Harding say the goal is that all advisors speaking with students about Gen Ed should have this information.
- Bond asks how this is working practically? Baker responds that the Thematic course would have a separate theme-based project in a regular Gen Ed course. In addition to the Quadrennial Review Assessment Plan, the Thematic course will have an additional assessment of their project. Bond asks for examples for CQ to align with these theme projects.
- Baker points out that this is being done truly as a cohort, and that the support in place by group
- Harding and Baker discuss timeline due to advertisement/registration for themed courses

- V. 2022 Quadrennial Reports – Spence updated committee on timeline of review of Revised and Quad Reports. Will send Doodle Polls to subcommittees after 10/3 deadline.
- a. Due October 3, 2022
  - b. Five 2021-2022 Revised Reports to Review

Baker makes motion to adjourn 4:50 pm, Tunno seconds, all approved.

Next Meeting: October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm