

GECC Meeting Minutes
Dec. 10, 2021
2:00-3:30pm

Present:

Voting members:

Jonathan Moore, Julianne Guillard, Angela Reynolds, Gregory Triplett, Rohan Kalyan, Dan Salandro, Adam Ewing, James Keck, Carly Phinizy, Ross Collin, Alena Hampton

Non-voting members:

Whitney Lovelady, Constance Relihan, Ginni Totaro, Emma King, Madeline Goldman, LaToya Robinson, Ryan Cales

Guests: Dr. Deborah Noble-Triplett, Provost office

Absent/vacant:

Student rep from SGA [vacant]

UUCS rep [vacant]

Life Sciences rep [vacant]

Ann Marie Gardinier Halstead

Allison Ryals

Vicki Pallo

Meeting notes

Note: Minutes for last meeting (11/12/21) approved by a vote of 9-0.

- Chair opened the meeting at 2pm, introduced guest
- **New business:** Dr. Noble-Triplett shared brief remarks regarding Provost's call for additional literacies and possible work group:
 - Provost continues to support the plan for the new racial literacy requirement, and would like GECC to also consider adding additional requirements to the gen ed curriculum for entrepreneurial and computational literacies.
 - Proposed the formation of a work group to explore the idea and offer recommendations to the GECC.
 - Discussion/questions from committee followed, including:
 - Questions about timeline, number of credits being considered, placement in gen ed (courses vs. learning outcomes)
 - Need for clarity on definition of terms and the purpose of/vision for "work-oriented" curriculum
 - Concerns raised over # of credits we can require for all students given unit/major requirements

- **New business:** Plans for next round of course proposals:
 - Discussion about whether to put any limits on the next call for proposals.
 - Decision: Call will be open to all submissions. Chair will send out an email to units soon with more details.

- **New business:** Committee membership requirement and upcoming elections:
 - From bylaws: Voting members will be chosen by faculty vote within their respective units. The criteria and qualifications for voting committee members are:
 - Full-time, term, or tenure-track faculty.
 - At least two years of undergraduate instructional experience within the last five years.
 - Experience or an interest in departmental or school-level curriculum planning.
 - Committee reviewed the term lengths and when terms will end; 4 members are up for re-election or election.
 - Decision: Chair will notify Deans regarding elections/ membership representation; members should review bylaws and verify their term lengths.

- **New business:** Substitution and Transfer committee structure and members:
 - Discussion about how standing subcommittee for transfer approvals will be formed, purpose of committee:
 - Faculty should make up the majority. Business and Accounting will need representation due to a large transfer student population in these degrees.
 - Reminder that Associate Deans from units must approve all transfer requests, so there will be accountability/representation for units.
 - Proposal to consider adding a category for at-large members outside the GECC, who want to contribute to this. These petitions are both transfer AND readmitted students with older VCU credit.
 - Decisions:
 - Charge: The Substitution Subcommittee will review and rule on petitions for general education course substitutions for students on both the Core Education Curriculum and ConnectEd curriculum. The committee will seek feedback on each petition from the individual's school or college before making their decision.
 - Members:
 1. Academic advising representative
 2. The Transfer Center
 3. Records & Registration
 4. Chair of committee: Chair-elect of GECC
 5. Faculty-GECC
 6. Faculty- at large
 7. Faculty- at large
 - Vote to approve charge and membership: passed (10-0)

- Procedure: Petitions will be submitted by the student's academic advisor on their behalf. The subcommittee will then review petitions at least six times per academic year with respect to critical academic calendar dates. Following a vote with quorum (5 members), the substitutions will be approved with a majority vote and then be processed by Records & Registration and applied to the students' records.
 - Vote on procedures passed (10-0)
- Meeting concluded at 3:18 pm.