

SUNY Broome Community College
General Education Committee Agenda

4/20/23

College Vision: Learning today, transforming tomorrow.

SUNY Broome Mission: SUNY Broome Community College supports all members of the learning community by creating access to inclusive, diverse educational experiences. Success is achieved through the provision of innovative academics, transformative student support, and meaningful civic and community engagement.

Institutional Values: INQUIRY, RESPECT, INTEGRITY, TRUST, EQUITY

Thursday, Apr 20, 2023 3-4:30 pm Via Zoom

Vision: LEARNING TODAY, TRANSFORMING TOMORROW

Voting Members Present: H. Bartlett, B. Dawe, A. Glenn, L. Heron, K. Moyer, C. Church (Late)

Non-Voting Members Present: J. Miller, C. O'Hagen, M. Ryan, S. Gible, C. Martey-Ochola, D. Berchtold, K. McLain, R Lofthouse

- I. Call to order 3:00pm
- II. Minutes from Mar 16, 2023
Motion to Approve: H. Bartlett, 2nd B. Dawe. Vote: 5, 0, 1 (absent)
- III. New Course Proposal – none
- IV. Course Revisions
 - a. BIT 140
Revised the SLOs to clarify what they were already doing in the course as they thought it would be a great fit to meet the Communications Gen Ed category and Info Lit competency. Not currently a Gen Ed.

K. Moyer discussed concerns with the course not including all of the required SUNY Gen Ed SLOs for the Communications category. There is also a concern that the course is too specific to Business to really fit the spirit of the Gen Ed program. Students taking BIT 140 will not be prepared to write in their other collage courses. There is a difference between Business writing, as it is defined in the course description and outcomes, and college-level communications as is specified in the SUNY Gen Ed SLOs.

K. McLain stressed that there is nothing in Gen Ed standards that says a discipline specific course cannot meet the Communications category requirements. She thinks it great that Business is doing this and assured the committee that no program will use this instead of Eng 110—so students will get both and the Gen Ed credits they need.

The committee will look over revision later in the meeting and offer suggestions for improving the proposal.

- b. PSY 214
- c. PSY 234
- d. PSY 211

SLO revisions. All were Gen Eds at some point, but were deactivated about 4 years ago. Now bringing them back for the Social Sciences designation—SLOs revised slightly to fit the courses. Also have other SLOs specific to the courses. Making them Gen Eds again to help specific programs meet Gen Ed credit requirements.

Will vote next meeting.

- e. PHY 182

Very minor changes—initially didn't think it needed to be a Gen Ed, but was requested by the MATH department to help make Gen Ed credits. So the SUNY Gen Ed SLOs were added the learning outcomes for the course

Concerns over there being too many outcomes for the course.

This was done, in part, because there isn't a clear place to list topics for the course, and so listing the topics within the outcomes makes them clear for transfer credits. Cuts down on the requests for syllabi when the topics are clearly listed somewhere and right now that can only be done in the outcomes.

Perhaps include the topics within the course description—list the topics there and then cut down the outcomes to only the necessary ones for ease of assessment.

Check the assessment map on the form—all the assessment don't match (don't make the lab report as part of an exam). Revise some of the assessment methods to simplify measurement of the outcomes (consider using 'or' where it makes sense)

Concern about getting this done so that the MATH program will be set for the fall.

Still a little bit of room to get things in for the catalog—so it could be done for Fall. Keep working on it revise the outcomes, even if the vote doesn't happen till Fall, there is a case to be made to list it as meeting the requirement for programs starting in Fall 23.

Some work will be done to revise the outcomes (cutting down the number of outcomes) and course description. Will bring that back to the committee.

- f. EGR 100L

Added the Info Lit competencies—have been doing this previously with the Tool Kit, but didn't have it officially listed, so wanted to the outcome to make it official.

V. Deactivations – none

VI. New Business

- a. Vote on CHM 146 – From Apr 6 Agenda

Motion to approve: H. Bartlett, A. Glenn, Vote: 6, 0, 0

VII. Call for New Business

Reviewed the revised SLOs for BIT 140 to L. Heron on 4/20. Offered suggestions for improvement.

Concerns over how the BIT 140 course got the committee with no real review or understanding of the outcomes and what was required (or the proper procedure to follow with Gen Ed and then CC).

Concerns over the course description and assessments descriptions not matching the course SLOs

VIII. VI. Adjournment 3:57pm

Respectfully submitted by K. Moyer