

SUNY Broome Community College
General Education Committee Minutes

10/5/23

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, Oct 5, 2023 3-4:30 pm Via Zoom

Vision: LEARNING TODAY, TRANSFORMING TOMORROW

Voting Members Present: A. Glenn, L. Heron, K. Moyer, J. Tracey, G. Scaringi—late, B. Dawe--late

Non-Voting Present: J. Anderson, M. Stanton, J. Miller, D. Bertchtold, M. Montemagno, K. McLain

I. Call to order: 3:00pm

II. Minutes from Sept. 21, 2023

Motion to approve: A. Glenn Vote: 4, 0, 2 (absent)

III. New Course Proposal

a. AST 119

Background information about the course development: Students will have access to telescopes around the world. This creates the opportunity to develop an entirely new course for students, specifically a new approach to a Gen Ed course. It is going to allow them to actually make their own observations and be able to use the observations to understand what they are actually looking at. For example: use the telescopes to look at the moon, get the observations back, see the colors and then understand the different parts of the moon. Getting the data, using it, put together the color picture, understanding what the color means. Whole new way of teaching Gen Ed science.

T. Skinner wants to put it into his programs from Communication programs. Going to reach out to Art as well about making it a part of their programs for the NS Gen Ed requirement.

No questions about the course, just compliments and excitement about the opportunity this course will provide our students.

Will vote next meeting.

IV. Course Revisions

a. OCE 226

Updating to the current SUNY Gen Eds to the NS Gen Ed. It wasn't a Gen Ed before, but it is a course that has been on the books.

Question: Is this the travel course?

Yes—currently the class is in South Carolina

V. Deactivations - none

VI. New Business

a. Vote on GER 102, CHM 090, EVE/INT 220

Comment from K. McLain: a developmental course cannot become a Gen Ed

J. Miller—BU has 100 level intro courses that are pre-requisite so it will transfer. The proposal is to change this CHM 102.

Comment from K. McLain: Transferability is also an issue—should make sure that it transfers as well.

K. McLain—this course should go through CC first for the number change

Response: New courses do come through here before CC.

K. McLain: So take it to CC to move to 100-level and then bring it back here for to discuss and vote. Should be able to vote at meeting he brings it back, unless CC required changes to the course.

Consensus of the Gen Ed committee (new members abstaining) is that the course does not have to go to CC first—we can treat it as a new course, just like AST 119 above. (see more detailed notes of the discussion of this below under Calls for New Business)

Motion to vote on approval of GER 102 and EVE/INT 220: B. Dawe, 2nd G. Scaringi.

Vote: 6, 0, 0

b. Welcome Julie Tracy to the committee

c. Welcome Giovanni Scaringi to the committee

d. Bi-Law Verbiage on Google Docs

L. Heron invited all committee members to the Google Doc so we can read and start thinking about what changes we need to make. A. Haggerty will be at our next meeting on 10/18 and we will move forward after that will official discussions of bi-law changes and eventually vote on those changes.

Please go into the document and make comments before our we discuss the bi-laws in our meetings.

G. Scaringi asked some questions about the FS and Gen Ed relationship.

K. Moyer and L. Heron gave an overview of the history and their understanding of possible changes going forward, but we will wait until A Haggerty gives his presentation next meeting to fully discuss the topic.

- e. Gen. Ed. List housed on SBCC website – update
D. Bertchtold and L.Heron are going to work with J. Wells about setting up something more for Gen Ed on the main college website, not just in MyCollege. Updates to come more after the next meeting about these changes happens.
- f. DEISJ in Curriculum Conference – Nov 3 and 4th – SUNY CPD
If people would like more info, L. Heron can send the email A. Haggerty forward to her. Just note that Nov 4th Open House, so be aware of the conflict if you want to attend both.

VII. Call for New Business

Issue with calendar invite, link didn't work—L. Heron will work on this and update.

Discussion of new Gen Ed courses

K. McLain's understanding: Historically the Gen Ed committee advised faculty proposing new courses to come here first for Gen Ed to review outcomes, but Gen Ed can't vote until Curriculum Committee approves.

Curriculum Committee procedure is that all Gen Ed courses comes here and get approval before it comes to Curriculum Committee for a vote.

Question: Does CHM 090 need to go to CC to get number change and then come back here for our vote and then go back to CC for their vote?

A. Glenn clarified that by Curriculum Committee policy, no. If J. Miller changes the paperwork so it is listed as a 100-level course, and it is a new course and Gen Ed must vote on it before it goes to Curriculum Committee for approval.

If Curriculum Committee does not approve the course as a 100-level course, then our approval doesn't matter because the course won't be added to the course catalog.

Discussion of development courses changing to credit bearing courses—how do we handle this? Gen Ed should work with CC to develop an official process for this and then amend our by-laws to make this process clear.

J. Miller needs to get the Gen Ed committee the Curriculum Committee paperwork for the revision and to revise the Gen Ed paperwork to reflect the 102 course number instead of 090. If this is done, we will discuss and vote next committee. G. Scaringi respectfully removes himself from this statement of how the Gen Ed committee will move forward with this CHM 090

VIII. VI. Adjournment. 4:13pm
Respectfully submitted by K. Moyer