

UNC GREENSBORO
GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
Friday, February 11, 2022
2:00 PM • Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Amy Harris Houk, Bruce Banks, Angela Bolte (for Omar Ali), Sarah Cervenak, Andrew Hudson, Jeremy Ingraham, Jeff Jones, Sara MacSween, Jessica McCall, Lisa O'Connor, Chris Partridge, Jodi Pettazzoni, Dana Saunders, Jennifer Stephens, Terry Wicks, Jonathan Zarecki

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2022, meeting

Motion to approve January 21, 2022, minutes (MacSween, Wicks), motion approved.

II. MAC Petitions for Transfer Credit

Approval of petition would grant a universal equivalency

- TG/11901 Petition for Transfer Credit: Request to allow BIO 175 to satisfy MAC Critical Thinking and Inquiry in the Natural Sciences competency
Motion to reject (Ingraham, MacSween), motion approved. This course does not align with the CTI NS competency (focus is on Microbiology, less on critical thinking).
- JK/12127 Petition for Transfer Credit: Request to allow PBHL 120 to satisfy MAC Health and Wellness competency
Motion to approve (Ingraham, Banks), motion approved.

III. MAC Advisor Appeals

- KW/61890 Advisor Appeal: Request to allow BLS 301 to satisfy MAC Oral Communication competency
Motion to approve (Cervenak, MacSween), motion approved.
- AC/62193 Advisor Appeal: Request to allow GES 103 to satisfy GEC GNS requirement
Motion to approve (MacSween, McCall), motion approved.
- HSS Requests
 1. CTI in the Natural Sciences (HSS 212-01)
 - AB/62050 Advisor Appeal: Request to allow HSS 212-01 to satisfy MAC Critical Thinking and Inquiry in the Natural Sciences competency
Motion to approve (Zarecki, O'Connor), motion approved.

2. Global Engagement and Intercultural Learning
Advisor Appeal: Request to allow HSS 216-01 to satisfy MAC Global Engagement and Intercultural Learning competency:
 - AG/62047
 - GB/62048
 - HS/62049Motion to approve (Zarecki, O'Connor), motion approved.

3. Diversity & Equity
Advisor Appeal: Request to allow HSS 208-01 & HSS 208-02 to satisfy MAC Diversity & Equity Competency:
 - JD/62051 (HSS 208-01)
 - ME/62052 (HSS 208-01)
 - KM/62053 (HSS 208-01)
 - MS/62054 (HSS 28-01)
 - BN/62060 (HSS 208-01)
 - TA/62055 (HSS 208-02)
 - AB/62056 (HSS 208-02)
 - OE/62058 (HSS 208-02)
 - SK/62059 (HSS 208-02)Motion to approve (Zarecki, O'Connor), motion approved.

HSS appeals were approved as a one-time exception, course numbers will no longer be offered. Comment, from a student success lens, publishing a student resource with intentionally inaccurate information is especially anti-student success.

IV. MAC Course Proposals

- HEA 210 Public Health and Film
MAC request: Health & Wellness
Motion to approve (MacSween, Ingraham), motion approved.

- PSC 101 Politics in a Digital World
MAC request: Foundations
Rollback (12/17/21) focus of course should be Foundations learning outcomes.
Department response received and MAC SLO fields updated
Motion to approve (Zarecki, McCall), motion approved.

Council discussed Foundations courses, specifically content and campus resources. It is challenging to teach these courses through the discipline, especially for preexisting courses. Suggestion to create a FND prefix to make it clear that it the focus should not be disciplinary content. Discussion continued, FYE courses are not discipline specific, suggestion to use FYE as a model for future Foundations courses. FYE cohort sections provide additional options for students and create community. Chair advised professional development will be available for Foundations courses. Council will revisit documentation for all MAC courses.

V. Course Shell Policy (Action item)

Jodi reviewed the Course Shell Policy (FMS, HSS, RCO). The policy outlines the management of shell courses. Council must review and approve each course that will act as a shell for course content when a competency is first attached to a course. At least one sample syllabus must be provided for each shell course request when approval is sought. Program advisory boards will be responsible for reviewing the syllabus for each iteration of each shell course. Each advisory board will include a member of the General Education Council as a member of the board.

Each semester, LIHC, FMS, and RCO will provide to the General Education Council a list of the course shell iterations that were offered during the semester. In addition, copies of the syllabus for each section of the course offered will be submitted to Council. The Council will review a sample of those syllabi.

Motion to approve Course Shell Policy (Zarecki, MacSween), motion approved.

VI. 2022-2023 Council Chair

Chair asked Council members to consider stepping into the chair position. Chair will remain on Council for an additional year to provide support.

VII. MAC Crosswalk update

Chair shared that the initial results of the crosswalk audit are not great. Chair is reaching out to department heads for courses that appear to be in the wrong competency. Departments can decide to keep the competency and update the course to include MAC content or move to a different competency and update course. Departmental decisions are due next week. If updates are needed, revised syllabi should be submitted to Council before April 4, 2022. The next level will consist of courses with multiple sections/syllabi that are not consistently teaching the appropriate MAC competency.

VIII. Assessment update

Jodi shared she is still working with faculty to get results from the fall. We will train instructors on the process for assessment. A communication will go out to instructors asking them to participate in the annual year end institute to assess and evaluate the assessment samples collected this year.

We are re-engaging the search for the Assessment Coordinator who will oversee General Education assessment.

IX. Announcements/Other Items

- Reminder to complete the [MAC logo/tagline survey](#)
- Spring retreat is scheduled April 8, 2022 from 2-5pm at Piney Lake. We will discuss the timeline to officially sunset the former General Education Program.