

UNC GREENSBORO
GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
Friday, January 21, 2022
2:00 PM • Virtual Meeting

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

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Approval of Minutes from January 7, 2022, meeting

Motion to approve January 7, 2022, meeting minutes (MacSween, Ingraham) minutes approved.

II. MAC Petitions for Transfer Credit

Approval of petition would grant a universal equivalency

- TG/10054 Petition for Transfer Credit: Request to allow BIO 110 to satisfy MAC Critical Thinking and Inquiry in the Natural Sciences competency
Motion to approve (Ingraham, Banks), motion approved

III. MAC Course Proposals

- CCI 216 The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World
MAC request: Oral Communication
Previously tabled, revised proposal submitted
Motion to approve (MacSween, Ingraham), motion approved with one recusal
- ENG 115 Literature Off the Page
MAC request: Oral Communication
Previously tabled, revision submitted
Motion to approve (MacSween, Cervenak), motion approved
- ENG 123 Speaking Out for Change: Advocacy Communication Across Contexts
MAC request: Oral Communication
Previously tabled, revision submitted
Motion to approve (MacSween, Ingraham), motion approved
- THR 130 Actors and Acting: Simple Actions to Superheroes
MAC request: Oral Communication
Previously tabled, revised proposal submitted
Motion to rollback (Zarecki, MacSween) Additional detail needed, specific instruction on how OC will be delivered/taught in the course. Motion approved

- THR 135 The Business of Entertainment: Broadway to Hollywood
MAC request: Oral Communication
Previously tabled, revised proposal submitted
Motion to rollback (Zarecki, MacSween) Additional detail needed, specific instruction on how OC will be delivered/taught in the course. Motion approved

Suggestion to remind faculty that rubrics are available for each MAC competency.

IV. Course Shell Policy (discussion item)

Jodi shared the final draft of the Course Shell Policy. We have never actually had a policy that speaks to shell courses. This policy formalizes the process whereby the General Education Council considers a course, allows it to have a competency and then monitors the association of the course content taught within those course shells with the competency for which the course has been approved. The policy outlines the timeline and expectations of all parties.

Council was asked to review the policy and provide comments in Box. The policy will be an action item on the February 4, 2022, agenda.

V. MAC Crosswalk

Amy shared that the review of crosswalked syllabi is ongoing. Syllabi will be reviewed by two close readers; feedback will be provided to faculty after review.

Based on the initial review, there are quite a few courses that are not fully incorporating the MAC competency.

Discussion followed; based on the past recertification process, GEC designation was removed from a course if it was not recertified. Keep in mind that instructors may not know what these courses were supposed to do, there could be a disconnection. Suggestion to require examples of course work which would demonstrate instruction of the competency. Departments will be given an opportunity to correct the courses.

Discussion continued; should Council create a review process/syllabi requirement for new MAC courses?

If competencies are removed from courses, Council should be aware of the timing. It is important to keep in mind that the Fall 2022 schedule will be live soon and removing MAC competencies during/after registration is not ideal, from a student success perspective.

There are still several fall syllabi that have not been submitted; Amy will follow up with these departments with a final submission deadline of January 31, 2022.

VI. Language Requirement in the College of Arts & Sciences

Jon shared background on the proposed College of Arts & Sciences revised language requirement. Two departments teach languages in the College of Arts & Sciences, Classical Studies and Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. The proposal is on hold until additional face to face meetings can be scheduled.

Global Engagement courses are not necessarily a substitution for language courses. The current proposal adds MAC requirements for CAS students. Discussion followed; Council should make a statement at the level of MAC concerning procedure/review, including the addition of General Education requirements without consultation. Council members voiced concern about the lack of consultation with interested parties on campus. The student data is important. There has been a history that particular programs have students that have struggled with the language requirement. Discussion continued concerning the differentiation between B.S. and B.A. degrees. Amy and Jon will draft a statement and share with Council.

VII. Announcements/Other Items