



MEMBERS

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Guest: Dustin Stegner Academic Senate Chair

MINUTES

Gary Laver called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

A. Announcements

1. The minutes from October 30, 2019 were approved as submitted.
2. There will be no meeting next week as Gary will be at the statewide CSU Senate meeting.
3. Samuel Frame will not be able to attend the GEGB for this quarter as he is teaching a class for a colleague; he will be able to rejoin in the winter. The GEGB was fine with not needing to find a replacement for the two final meetings of the quarter.

B. Area E Guidelines

1. The GEGB reviewed the criteria to ensure that the requirements focus more on the course design and not student outcomes.
2. The GEGB also considered adding language in the criteria to emphasize that courses should focus more on lifelong learning, which could include “student success strategies, human behavior, sexuality, nutrition, physical and mental health, stress management, information literacy, social relationships and relationships with the environment, as well as implications of death and dying” (EO 1100-R Article 4).
3. Area E courses could be introductions to disciplines but not bureaucratic structures of the university.



4. The GEGB recommended that courses would need to be four units; students cannot take four one-unit courses to fulfill the requirement.
- C. Golden Four Requirements
1. The GEGB agreed that it's important to let the Senate know that they are making editorial changes to AS-879-19 to align with Title 5 and EO 1100-R requirements; these changes only relate to students needing to complete the area with a grade of C- or better in A1, A2, A3, and B4.
 2. The GEGB approved unanimously the modification of Golden Four classes as an editorial change only.
- D. Upper-Division Prerequisites
1. The GEGB recognized that Area B has more specified subareas than exist in Area C and Area D. They discussed how to include language that allows for prerequisites in upper-division C and D without being overly prescriptive or limiting.
 2. The GEGB discussed the goals of prerequisites, which are meant to help students avoid taking a class they are not prepared to take and, in some ways, inform students of the expectations/content of the class.
 3. In order to take an upper-division course, students must complete the Golden Four and one lower-division course within the same Area. However, the new GE template contains many disciplines within a single lower-division C and D subarea. Taking any lower-division course (in the respective area) might not adequately prepare students to take an upper-division course. The GEGB discussed adding language that an upper-division course might have additional prerequisites as course content dictates.
 - i. They discussed the extent to which such language is simply maintaining what's already in existence with upper-division prerequisites. Adding another class (which could mean up to five prerequisite GE courses) might hinder progress to degree and impact the ability for a student to complete a GE pathway.
 - ii. With Upper-Division D, the language regarding prerequisites needs to be inclusive for students on the high-unit program template so that they are still able to take an upper-division course if they wanted.
 - iii. The GEGB also recognized that it's within a program's purview to require prerequisites for the class (e.g., Philosophy could require a specific lower-division course before a student is able to take the upper-division course) and agree that any prerequisite needs to come from within the GE program.
 - iv. They agreed to review this language at the November 20 meeting.
- E. Area C Criterion for Literature
1. The GEGB discussed the criterion for literature that in its current iteration says that the content covers a literary tradition. They agreed to adjust the language to say "from a period covering two-hundred years or more."



F. Area C, D, E Guidelines

1. The GEGB agreed to let Gary send the guidelines to the chairs of the Area C work group (Rachel Fernflores) and the Area D/E work group (Kris Jankovitz). The deadline for them to respond with any comments is November 15.

Meeting concluded at 4:53 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

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