

General Education Faculty Senate Report for 11/17/23

Recommended Action Items:

- We recommend a motion to approve the requested General Education changes submitted by the Arts and Letters department. This would apply across all programs.
 - Adding PHIL 135: Introduction to Ethics to Gen Ed Area 10 - Human Societies and Experiences
 - Adding PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy to Area 10 - Human Societies and Experiences
 - Removing PHIL 129: The New Testament from the Humanities Grid as it has not been taught for several years and there are no plans to teach it in the near future.
- We recommend a motion to approve adopting the attached process and form for embedding General Education outcomes into other programs beginning now and into the future.

Information Items:

- The Committee met on 10/25/23 and unanimously agreed to pursue replacing the INT 300 courses with transferable ones. The plan we recommended was a revised version of the 2020 plan. Chair Hawkley took the plan to the four departments that offer INT courses and discussed it with Dean Doucette. An issue came up in these conversations related to accreditation. Specifically, it was decided that if we were to add outcomes to each replacement INT area, an accreditor might think that every student was being required to meet those outcomes. Because of that concern, the 2020 plan was rejected by Dean Doucette. Those department chairs and the committee are going to review different plans to replace the INTs moving forward.
- As a short-term solution to the INT problem, Chair Hawkley recommended to the Math, Science, and Arts and Letters department chairs that they could use other classes to satisfy the INT requirement which is being done by the Social Sciences.
- Below are the minutes from our last meeting.

General Education Committee Minutes

10/25/23

11am GTA 124 in Elko and over Zoom

Attendees: Chair, Ethan Hawkley; Members, Brandy Nielsen, Brian Ziezler, Ping Wang, Tom Bruns, Daniel Bergey; Ex-officio members, Mary Doucette, Deanna Hamilton

Excused: John Rice

1. Action Items for Next Senate/Review of Last Meeting
 - Approved 9/20/23 [Minutes](#)
 - Deanna clarified that the Arts and Letters recommendation will apply to all programs pending Faculty Senate approval in November

- All still favor the Embedment process recommendations to be voted on in Faculty Senate in November
2. Vote on Proposals from CTE and Education
- The committee voted to approve the CTE proposal that students who received embedded credit for BUS 110 in Millwright/Industrial Maintenance or Diesel Programs should be able to transfer that BUS 110 credit to other programs.
 - The Business Department approved this action with a request that we consider reviewing assessment procedures for these embedments
 - Dean Doucette raised the concern that we don't have a list of all embedments. This may be something the committee reviews in the future as it relates to assessment
 - CTE withdrew their second proposal as it is a department and not a Gen Ed issue.
 - Gen Ed course change for Secondary Education, Business: To "MATH 120 or higher" from "MATH 126, 126E, 127, 128, or STAT 152"
 - The committee voted to approve this action pending approval from the Math Department
 - The Math Department gave their approval on 10/26/23
3. Discussion of INT and Upper division General Education Issue
- After discussing the upper division Gen Ed programs at UNR and UNLV and GBC Gen Ed's 2020 proposal (aka Laurie's plan), the committee voted to revise and complete the 2020 proposal to recommend to the Faculty Senate.
 - Chair Hawkley is going to reach out to Gen Ed departments and would like to complete revisions to the draft and have department approvals before December Faculty Senate so we can implement this new plan into the 2024 catalog.
 - Deanna and Mary agreed to investigate whether or not we could implement these changes that quickly.
4. Next meeting time
- Wednesday November 15, 2023 at 10am.