

General Education Faculty Senate Report for 3/15/24

The Gen Ed Committee met on February 28, 2024. Our minutes are listed below.

Information Items:

- 1) The committee approved minor edits on the Gen Ed course approval form. These edits were designed to clarify the need to pass classes through oversight departments before they come before the committee.
- 2) In accordance with the Gen Ed approval process, Math submitted a statement and policy related to HSC 300's inclusion as a mastery Gen Ed course and Gen Ed approved their statement. Here is the statement:
 - a) In our January 24th meeting, the committee had an extensive discussion related to HSC 300 and whether or not it would count as a Math Gen-Ed mastery course moving forward. The Math department concluded that it should not count because the original approval of HSC 300 was based on the fact that INTs were not transferable. Because Math 389 (the Math INT replacement) resolves this issue and HSC 300 does not fit the purposes of the INT replacement classes (which includes giving students the opportunity to take out of major courses), Math no longer sees a compelling reason for continuing to accept it as a Math Gen-Ed course. On the other hand, Health Sciences has devoted significant time and effort into developing HSC 300 and making it a part of their programs. The committee requested that Math and Health Science faculty meet to resolve this issue. That meeting took place on January 30th, 2024 with Daniel Murphree representing Math, and Tami Mette, and Staci Wernert representing Health Sciences, and Ethan Hawkey (as Gen Ed Committee Chair) mediating over zoom. In that meeting, Math agreed to allow HSC 300 to fulfill the Math Mastery Gen-Ed requirement for 1 year in order to give the Health Sciences department adequate time to adjust their programs based on the new upper-division Gen-Ed system. So Health Sciences will need to figure out a solution to be in alignment with the new Gen-Ed system for the 2025-2026 catalog. Math said they would consider allowing a team-teaching option for HSC 300 or possibly offering a Health Science focused statistics course under their Math 389 special topics prefix. Whatever the final result, HSC 300 as currently taught, without the Math Department's approval, will no longer be accepted as meeting upper-division Gen-Ed requirements beginning in the 2025-2026 catalog year. HSC 300 will not be included in the Gen-Ed grid for 2024-2025 to avoid future confusion.

General Education Committee Minutes

2/28/24

10 am in HTC 121 in Elko and over Zoom [Here](#)

In attendance: Chair, Ethan Hawley; Members, Brandy Nielsen, Brian Zeiszler, Ping Wang, Tom Bruns, Daniel Bergey, Tami Mette, John Rice; Ex-officio members, Deanna Hamilton, Mary Doucette

1. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes were unanimous
 - [1/24/24 Meeting Minutes](#)

2. Discussion and vote on HSC 300
 - Math's Statement:
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 - We discussed this statement and voted on it. We voted to approve it by the vote of 6-2.

3. Gen Ed Submission Form Edits
 - We discussed minor edits made to the General Education submission form. These were made to ensure that faculty know that they need to get the consent of the proper oversight department before a course can be submitted to the Gen Ed Committee.

4. Next meeting March 20 at 10am in HTC 121 and over zoom, and
 - a. April 24th same time and place