

**General Education Council (GEC)**  
**General Committee**  
**Minutes**  
*MS Teams Virtual Meeting*

September 21, 2021

- I. Attendance
  - Attendance (and quorum verification) was documented based on the individuals attending who typed their name in the chat box to be recorded. (*Attached*)
- II. Minutes
  - The Chair called for any corrections to the minutes from the August 17, 2021 GEC General Committee meeting. There were none. Ed Eanes first motioned, and Holly Deal seconded that the minutes be approved as written.
- III. New Business
  - Foreign Languages Proposal (Jaime Cruz-Ortiz)  
The Foreign Languages department would like to move its General Education courses from Area B2 to Area C1.
    - a. This move should draw more students
    - b. Area C1 currently does not have as much of a variety of offerings
    - c. An interpretation assignment has been added to the syllabus
    - d. A pre-requisite of 2 years high school, by placement test, or equivalent has been added

Susan Rouse asked about the number of full-time and part-time faculty teaching the courses and the number of sections and expressed a concern about the number of courses – twelve different ones in an area. Jamie responded that Foreign Languages does rely heavily on part-time faculty.

Other information:

- a. Area C is a Humanities box
- b. This is a more appropriate location for the foreign language courses
- c. It will align the prefixes across the USG
- d. Demand is not overwhelming

Tom Doleys inquired about how this change fits in the larger picture. It was also asked if FL is part of the core in Area C, are there any transferability problems.

- eCore  
Kris DuRocher discussed the eCore cooperative academic arrangement.
  - a. If a course has gone through a curriculum review and been vetted, it should be in the catalog or added to the catalog.
  - b. If a course has never been through a review process, it should not appear or be in the catalog until it has completed that process.
  - c. If a course does not appear in the catalog, KSU cannot award institutional credit.

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- d. The goal is that courses KSU gives institutional credit for have been vetted and approved by faculty, including eCore course.

It was asked if KSU is required to participate in eCore and is the agreement renewable. A comment was made that there should be assessment data shared with the institution about the eCore program. Departments will have an opportunity to give feedback on eCore courses.

- GEC Bylaws  
The Executive Committee met on September 7<sup>th</sup> and discussed a timeline for completing a draft of the bylaws and a target date of completion for approval. For the new bylaws to take effect as of July 1, 2022, they will need to be approved by the GEC by March 15, 2022 to give time for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to review and if the FSEC should have any questions or concerns.

IV. Announcements

- Next GEC Executive Committee meeting: October 12, 2021
- Next GEC General Committee meeting: October 19, 2021

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V. Adjournment

- The Chair called for any further business. Hearing none, the chair adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.