

Approved on November 5, 2024.

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 | 3:00-4:00 PM

Location: Library Dean's Conference Room - Booth 4515

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://eiu.zoom.us/j/87964343760>

Present: Nora Heist (chair), Kevin Anderson, Stacey Knight-Davis, Stephen Lucas, Chigozirim Sodeke, Rashmi Thapaliya, Peter Wiles, Sace Elder

AGENDA

- I. Review Meeting Minutes: 04/22/24; 09/20/24; 10/08/24

04/22/24

Motion to Approve: Peter

Second: Stephen

Motion approved unanimously by show of hands.

09/20/24

Motion to Approve after minor revisions: Stacey

Second: Rashmi

Motion approved unanimously by show of hands

10/08/24:

Motion to approve: Sace

Second: Peter

Motion approved unanimously by show of hands.

- II. Call for member to take minutes: **Rashmi volunteered**
- III. Finalize Call for Materials – Fall 2024 (see DRAFT document)

Sace suggested an alternate text for language in the Call for Materials. All agreed that the alternate language helps to explain the process better.

- a. Follow-Up Discussion: Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) Compliance

Nora reported that currently EIU is the only state institution not in compliance with IAI general education guidelines. Several courses have lost IAI and others on the verge. We are not the body responsible for enforcing IAI Compliance but could be checking in with the departments where their courses stand in terms of IAI. All agreed that this is a good practice since department chairs may not be aware about IAI Compliance. It is important to have more departmental conversations regarding IAI compliance.

Peter had questions on GenEd spreadsheet. It is not very clear and can be confusing. Discussed the possibility of Brad walking us through it and answering the questions we have.

IV. REVISED Personal List for Call for Materials

- a. Africana Studies (Dr. James Ochwa-Echel, Coordinator, Africana Studies Minor)
- b. English (Dr. Angela Vietto, Chair, Department of English)
- c. World Languages and Cultures (Dr. Christiane K. Eydtt-Beebe, Chair, Department of World Languages and Cultures)
- d. History (Dr. Grant Sterling, Chair, Department of History)
- e. Humanities Interdisciplinary Courses (Dr. C.C. Wharram, Director, Humanities Center)
- f. Philosophy (Dr. Grant C. Sterling, Chair, Department of Philosophy)
- g. Religious Studies (Dr. Grant C. Sterling, Chair, Department of Philosophy)
- h. Art (Mr. Chris Kahler, Chair, Department of Art and Design)
- i. Film Studies (Dr. Melissa Ames, Interim Film Studies Coordinator)
- j. Music (Dr. Shellie L. Gregorich, Chair, Department of Music)
- k. Theatre (Mr. Nicholas E. Shaw, Chair, Department of Theatre)

V. Report from Committee DRAFT documents (please email Nora by Tuesday, Oct. 22)

Get the reports completed within next 2-3 weeks.

VI. Proposed: GEC Reading Group

- a. [AAC&U Publication: *General Education Essentials: A Guide for College Faculty*](#)
 - i. “Supplying an insightful introduction to current trends in general education reform, this second edition of *General Education Essentials: A Guide for College Faculty* gives an important, timely overview of general education curricular design...This book offers methods for engaging in curricular reform efforts that support university culture and teachers and examines the implications of general education reform in the classroom, with a keen eye toward syllabi, course content, and student work. By expertly blending theory with curricular ideas for implementation, this text offers an impactful illustration of the shift from distributive to integrative to high impact models of general education.”
 - ii. Publication Details:
 - 1. Date Published: 2024
 - 2. ISBN: 9781642674859
 - 3. Pages: 204

4. Author: Paul Hanstedt is a professor of English and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Innovation at the University of Minnesota Rochester.

Discussion on library buying the book so that we can having chapter readings once a week and have conversations about GenEd. Reading the book can help the committee members be more informative.

- VII. Action Item: Look out for Spring 2025 availability poll. **Set the date and time within next few weeks for the Spring so that we can start scheduling the department chairs for presentations in the spring 2025.**

Meeting Adjourned: 3:54 p.m.