

General Education Committee minutes

1/24/25 A&S 2-51

Present: J. Turner (chair), B. Conaway (vice chair), O. Lovell (secretary), B. Nicholson, H. Strickland, C. Smith (ex-officio), K. Anderson (ex-officio), L. Muschell (ex-officio), E. Bonner (ex-officio)

Regrets: S. Jordan

Absent: H. Mahabaduge, K. McGill (ex-officio), M. Jarriel (ex-officio)

Meeting convened at 1:01pm

Minutes of 11/15/24 meeting accepted without changes

Core-related course proposals: none at this time

GC1Y/2Y proposals: none at this time

CORExplore proposals: discussion of mission, purpose, and process. Additional discussion included how to motivate faculty to create more viable topics that fit the mission of CORExplore, challenges in fulfilling class requirements with courses no longer offered, or those taught in an infrequent rotation. CORExplore has been widely promoted to our students and incoming students by administration at the university level, but the program needs retooling at the classroom level. Further input is expected from an upcoming administrative meeting, next week (outside this committee), but substantive changes to the program are not expected until fall '26, given the academic calendar.

GC2Y 4th Hour: committee chair spoke with other campus representatives about the viability and use of a separate, 4th hour course, based on their experiences at other campuses. Input from faculty outside of the committee was shared with regard to viability and implementation of 4th hour courses. Committee discussion of opportunities and challenges of compensation, course release for instructors, and asynchronous delivery, in support of this endeavor. Suggestion to assemble a 4th hour "task force" that includes faculty who are involved in related coursework, and from diverse perspectives, related to this specific issue.

Findings from GC1Y/2Y Audit: A process of evaluating extant 1Y/2Y syllabi from the last two years, using the current committee's "Checklist for Proposals", and make recommendations, as needed. This exercise will continue through the February meeting.

meeting adjourned at 2:07pm

next meeting: 2/21/25 in Atkinson Hall 202