

**General Education Committee Meeting**

**February 21, 2020**

**A&S 251**

**1:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Dana Gorzelany (Chair), Brooke Conaway, Ken McGill, Nancy Beasley, Jim Winchester, Allison Reuter, Kay Anderson, Cara Smith, Sunita Manian. Regrets: Jeff Turner. Guests: Costas Spirou, Sandra Gangstead, Shannon Gardner, Kasey Karen

Dr. Gorzelany called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

The Provost, Dr. Costas Spirou, appraised the GEC about the impending changes to the General Education Curriculum. First of all, he cautioned the GEC that the changes to the Gen Ed are still in a period of flux and may change from the version circulated most recently. He informed the committee that the original implementation date of Fall 2021 may move to Fall 2022. He told the GEC that we will be likely to get more clarity in April/May of 2020 when the proposed changes will be submitted to the BOR. In the meantime, he urged us to provide helpful feedback using the form provided.

Dr. Spirou underscored that whatever form the new Gen Ed takes, our core should be reflective of our Mission. He highlighted the role of the GEC in the process. He also highlighted the many aspects of our current core that we should be rightly proud about. He shared with us the fact that our GC1Y and GC2Y courses are an envy of Provosts in many USG institutions. We also get high praise for our High Impact practices (HIPS), since GC, along with UGA, stands out in the way we systematically incorporate HIPS in our curriculum.

The GEC then reviewed 3 proposals:

- GC2Y Course: The Impact of War on Global Health Care: The syllabus that accompanied the proposal did not specify readings and did not have a weekly calendar of topics. Dr. Gorzelany will contact the department about the missing elements and offer to provide assistance with a resubmission. The committee left the door open to voting on the proposal electronically so that the course will be listed at the time of Registration in early March.
- GC2Y Course: The History of Death and Dying: This course was approved
- GC2Y Course: Global Problems in Infectious Disease (Rev.): This course was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.