

# General Education Committee Meeting

## WebEx Video Conference

### Thursday April 2, 2020

**In attendance:** Valerie Guyant, Charlie Mack, Spike Magelssen, Cristy Ozburn, Aaron Riggins, and Kasthuri Udayakumar

**Absent:** None

**Guest:** None

**Recorder:** Cristy Ozburn

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2020:** Approved, none opposed

**Proposals:** None

#### **New Business:**

Conducted review of Category II Mathematics. The Committee discussed suggested changes to the four category learning outcomes to reflect the following:

1. Solve problems through mathematical reasoning ~~using calculators and computers~~
2. Describe or demonstrate how mathematical models or statistical designs are used to obtain knowledge in several disciplines
3. Perform mathematical applications beyond intermediate algebra
4. ~~Demonstrate understanding of the discipline of mathematics through multiple means of oral, written and visual assessment~~

The Committee also discussed the removal of M 145 Math for the Liberal Arts and STAT 217 Intern Statistical Concepts from the General Education Core. Both courses are no longer taught or required in any program offered at MSUN.

Additional corrections need to be made to the 2020-2021 Catalog to reflect changes that were approved in prior years, but never updated in the Catalog. These corrections include the removal of the following classes from Category II:

M 112 Trigonometry & Complex Numbers

M 130 Math for Elementary Teachers I

M 131 Math for Elementary Teachers II

M 151 Precalculus

M 172 Calculus II

All above proposed changes to Category II were unanimously approved by the Committee.

On April 3, 2020, these proposed changes were emailed to Grant Bowker, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, for input. Once the proposed changes are finalized, the Committee will prepare the General Education Course Inclusion paperwork to be presented to CASE at the first college meeting in Fall 2020.

### **Nominations for Chair**

Cristy nominated herself; Kasthuri nominated Cristy. Cristy will send an email out to all members soliciting nominations for Chair for next year and then will conduct a vote, if necessary, for Chair via email.

### **Miscellaneous Updates:**

At the January 14, 2020 Academic Senate meeting the Committee's proposal for an integrated general education assessment plan was presented. Discussion ensued and the Academic Senate President requested the scheduling of a strategy meeting to be attended by himself, Cristy, Valeria Guyant (CASE Chair), and Steven Don (COTS Chair). On January 27, 2020, this strategy meeting was held in the Brockmann Conference Room with all participants present. At this meeting it was decided that the next step would be to draft General Education Core Learning Outcomes, which would subsequently be distributed to general education faculty to solicit input.

On February 24, 2020, a second strategy meeting was held to review each members' proposed General Education Core Learning Outcomes. This meeting was held in the Brockmann Conference room, and all members were present. Cristy was the only member to draft proposed General Education Core Learning Outcomes. It was decided at this meeting to notify the general education faculty of the status of the proposed assessment strategy, but not the proposed learning outcomes. The members of this meeting agreed to take the next few weeks to modify Cristy's proposed outcomes prior to them being disseminated to general education faculty.

On February 25, 2020, Cristy sent an email to all general education faculty and stakeholders inviting them to attend a briefing scheduled for March 2, 2020 at 11:00am in Cowan Hall Room 300, to discuss the status of the proposed assessment strategy.

On March 2, 2020, this briefing was held and following the meeting Cristy emailed all general education faculty detailed notes of what was discussed at this meeting.

On March 5, 2020, a regularly scheduled General Education Committee meeting was scheduled, however, this was cancelled because there were no new proposals or new business to discuss.

On March 25, 2020, a third strategy meeting was scheduled to be held, however, this was instead conducted via email. On March 20, 2020, all four members were again provided access to the proposed General Education Core Learning Outcomes drafted by Cristy and encouraged to make any changes they would like prior to these outcomes being disseminated on March 26, 2020 to the entire full-time faculty for input.

On March 26, 2020, Cristy sent an email to all full-time faculty soliciting their input to the proposed General Education Core Learning Outcomes.

Next steps will be to collect all faculty input regarding the proposed General Education Core Learning Outcomes and then in Fall 2020 submit them to the colleges for approval. In Fall 2020, once the outcomes are approved, then this Committee will begin creating rubrics to assess each of the approved outcomes.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

**Update on 4/14/2020** - All Committee members approved the above meeting minutes via email between April 4 - April 13.