

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE GENERAL EDUCATION
Minutes of 21 October 2013**

Members present: Sharie Falan, Bruce Ferrin, John Geiser, Willem Homan, Mustafa Mirzeler, James Palmitessa, David Reinhold and Kathryn Wagner. **Members absent:** Raja Aravamuthan and Tracy DeMars.

Liaisons present: Kevin Knutson and Sharon Van Dyken. **Guest:** Phil Egan, English, Chair, College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

Committee Chair John Geiser called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Procedural Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes from the 23 September Meeting

- Acceptance of the amended agenda was moved and seconded. Motion carried.
- NOTE: Approval of the minutes of 23 September was postponed.

Chair's Comments

Geiser welcomed two new members to COGE:

- Willem Homan from the College of Aviation. Homan is also a member of the Senate's International Education Council.
- Mustafa Mirzeler, English, from the College of Arts and Sciences, replaces Daneen Wardrop on COGE.

Action/Discussion Items

Review of Curriculum Proposals

Department of World Languages and Literatures

1. [CAS 1193] FREN 1000, Basic French I – existing course in Proficiency 4g, foreign languages; change description

Approval of FREN 1000 moved by Ferrin and seconded. Motion carried.

2. [CAS 1194] FREN 2000, Intermediate French I – existing course in Proficiency 4g, foreign languages; change description

Approval of FREN 2000 moved by Ferrin and seconded by Palmitessa. Motion carried.

3. [CAS 1195] GER 1000, Basic German I – existing course in Proficiency 4g, foreign language; change description

Approval of GER 1000 moved by Palmitessa and seconded by Ferrin. Motion carried.

4. [CAS 1196] GER 2000, Intermediate German I – existing course in Proficiency 4g, foreign languages; change description

Approval of GER 2000 moved by Palmitessa and seconded by Ferrin. Motion carried.

Knutson suggested that due to the department changing its name from Foreign Languages to World Languages and Literatures, perhaps the name for Proficiency 4g should be changed as well.

Department of English

5. [CAS 14-15] ENGL 3160, Storytellers in the Non-Western World – new course, approve for Area IV, Other Cultures and Civilizations

Approval of ENGL 3160 moved by Palmitessa and seconded by Homan. Motion carried.

NOTE: Pending receipt of approval from the college dean, department chair and college curriculum committee, COGE also approved changing the name of the course to Storytellers.

Department of Comparative Religion

6. [CAS 14-20] REL 3190, Religion and Health – new course, approve for Area V, Social and Behavioral Sciences

TABLED: Discussion was tabled pending receipt of additional information from the department. Some members felt this course fit better in Area VIII and wanted to know if the department had considered that area. Also, why the department felt it was an Area V course.

7. [CAS 14-29] REL 3165, Religion and Globalization – new course, approve for Area V, Social and Behavioral Sciences

Approval of REL 3165 moved by Ferrin and seconded by Homan. Motion carried.

Department of Philosophy

8. [CAS 14-21] PHIL 3350, Medical Humanities – existing course, approve for Area II, Humanities

TABLED: Discussion was tabled pending receipt of additional information from the department. How does this course fit into Area II criteria?

Department of Gender and Women's Studies

9. [CAS 14-34] GWS 3200, Women, Multiculturalism and Social Change – request title change to *Women, Globalization and Social Change*, change description, remove prerequisite and change general education designation from Area V, Social and Behavioral Sciences, to Area IV, Other Cultures and Civilizations

Due to time constraints, Geiser recommended discussion of this course postponed until next meeting.

10. [CAS-14-33] GWS 2010, LGBT Studies – existing course, approve for Area III, The United States: Cultures and Issues

Approval of GWS 2010 moved by Falan and seconded by Mirzeler. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Janice Anderson
Faculty Senate Office