

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE GENERAL EDUCATION  
Monday, 7 April 2014**

**Members present:** Raja Aravamuthan, Tracy DeMars, John Geiser, Sharie Falan, Bruce Ferrin, Willem Homan, Mustafa Mirzeler, James Palmitessa, David Reinhold and Kathryn Wagner. **Liaison present:** Sharon Van Dyken. **Liaison absent:** Kevin Knutson. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

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

**Procedural Items**

*Acceptance of the Agenda  
Approval of 24 March Minutes*

- Acceptance of the agenda was moved and seconded. Motion carried.
- Approval of the minutes of 24 March was moved by Ferrin and seconded by Palmitessa. Motion carried.

**Chair's Comments**

Geiser raised a question about general education credit for transfer students with BIOS 1610 and 1620 equivalency in Area VI Natural Sciences with Laboratory. After a brief discussion, the committee agreed to table further discussion until the 21 April meeting when Kevin Knutson would be at the meeting and to also invite Tammi Smith, academic advisor from the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Action/Discussion Items**

*2013-14 Re-Approval of Courses in  
Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing*

Geiser had created a spreadsheet with the ratings for each course that committee members had assigned by using the rubric. The ratings were compared and suggestions made that clarified some of the statements in

the rubric. Geiser noted those suggestions and will revise the rubric for the committee's review and approval at the next meeting.

Geiser also proposed postponing further re-approval of general education courses until the committee has the opportunity to develop rubrics for the other proficiencies and areas. Members agreed. 2016-17 was suggested as the academic year for COGE to resume re-approving courses in Proficiency 2.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.  
--Janice Anderson

<b>TABLED PROPOSALS – Action Pending</b>
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1. Department of Psychology  
[CAS 14-1] PSY 3000, Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences – requests title change to *Research Methods and Statistics*, change description and prerequisites, approval in Proficiency 2, baccalaureate-level writing  
(NOTE: Course was not approved for Proficiency 2 by COGE on 18 November 2013. Response from department received. Discussion TABLED again on 2 December 2013.)
2. Department of Psychology  
[CAS 14-2] PSY 3300, Behavioral Research Methods – Existing course approved in Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing – requests change title to *Advanced Research Methods*, change description and prerequisites  
(NOTE: This course is up for 2013-14 COGE re-approval in Proficiency 2; however the department has requested the course be removed from Proficiency 2. TABLED 2 December 2013.)