

9 February 2015

TO: Committee to Oversee General Education Members and Liaisons  
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FROM: John Geiser, COGE Chair

**COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE GENERAL EDUCATION**  
**Monday, 9 February 2015, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**in the Faculty Lounge of the Bernhard Center**  
**PROPOSED AGENDA**

**Procedural Items**

1. Welcome
2. Acceptance of the agenda
3. Approval of minutes of 26 January meeting
4. Chair's comments
  - a. Deadline for new courses to make it into catalog is end of March.
  - b. Kevin has asked for supporting letter from COGE to the Registrar and/or USC that students taking a course that is Gen Ed approved not be held to state of the course when they entered WMU. Routinely receives many such requests each year. - USC
  - c. Meeting with USC on Feb 10. Will fill them in on what we have been doing. Anything we would like them to address? Rubrics, policy for updating constituency

**Action/Discussion Items**

1. **Review of curriculum proposals**
  - a) [CAS 14-2] PSY 3300, Behavioral Research Methods – Existing course approved in Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing – requests title change to *Advanced Research Methods*, change description and prerequisites
  - b) [CAS 15-33] REL 3111 Superhero Comic Book Religion – new course, requests approval in Area II: Humanities
  - c) [CHHS 27-14] HSV 4400 Diversity and Inclusion in Health and Human Services – new course, requesting approval in Area III: The United States: Cultures and Issues
  - d) [CAS 15-44] ENVS 1000 Climate Challenged Society – new course, requests approval in Area V: Social and Behavioral Sciences
  - e) [CAS 15-85] GWS 3500 Psychological Perspectives on Gender – change title to Psychosocial Perspectives on Gender; requests change from Area III: The United States, Cultures and Issues to Area V: Social and Behavioral Sciences
2. **Past Tabled**
  - a) **Process** – please use the word or excel file to score each of the 6 courses using the baccalaureate writing rubric we developed. When complete, add scores to excel file and email to me. I will assess cumulative scores so we can discuss inter-rater reliability. If you have already scored the courses, adjust your scores (if needed) based on the new information provided.

- b) **Proposals**
    - i. [CAS 15-60] ANTH 3530 Bioarchaeology – existing course, requests approval for proficiency 2, baccalaureate-level writing requirement, *tabled for more information*
    - ii. [CAS 15-52] PSY 3780 Laboratory in Physiological Psychology – requests approval for proficiency 2, baccalaureate-level writing requirement, *tabled for more information*
    - iii. [CAS 15-51] PSY 3844 Professional and Career Development – requests approval for proficiency 2, baccalaureate-level writing requirement, *tabled for more information*
    - iv. [CAS 15-54] PSY 4526 Human Drug Use and Abuse – requests approval for proficiency 2, baccalaureate-level writing requirement, *tabled for more information*
    - v. [CAS 15-50] PSY 4574 Cross Cultural Psychology – requests approval for proficiency 2, baccalaureate-level writing requirement, *tabled for more information*
    - vi. [CAS 15-53] PSY 4595 History of Psychology – requests approval for proficiency 2, baccalaureate-level writing requirement, *tabled for more information*
3. **Development of Rubrics**
- a) Discussion of administrative criteria
    - i. Decide on caps for all AREAS. What do we want instructors to aspire to and what would be best for our students?
  - b) Discussion of AREA II rubric
  - c) Is the rubric self-explanatory? If not, what suggestions can be made to make it useful for anyone reading it? *Will need to ask them to fill out explanation of how their course and syllabus fulfills rubric score. Require a self-rubric as well.*
  - d) Discussion of AREA III rubric
  - e) Subcommittee Assignments
    - COGE Subcommittee One (DeMars, Geiser, Homan) – Areas III & IV
    - COGE Subcommittee Two (Aravamuthan, Ferrin, Knutson) – Areas V & VII
    - COGE Subcommittee Three (Reinhold, Swanson, Wagner) – Areas I and VI
    - COGE Subcommittee Four (Falan, Mirzeler, VanDyken) – Areas II & VIII
4. Next meeting is scheduled for **February 23, 2015**
5. **Tabled proposals** (for information only – will revisit as information is obtained)
- a) [LHC 15-07] HNRS 2900 Honors Seminar: The Texas Tour – requests approval as HNRS 3304 The Texas Tour in Area III: The United States: Cultures and Issues
  - b) [LHC 15-08] HNRS 2900 Honors Seminar: Vues d’ Afrique – requests approval as HNRS 3401 Vues d’ Afrique in Area IV: Other Cultures and Civilizations
  - c) College of Arts and Sciences – Department of Comparative Religion [CAS14-139] REL 3015, Christianity in America – requests title change to Religion in America; change description; retain approval in Area III: The United States: Cultures and Issues
  - d) 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
  - e) Bronson School of Nursing [CHHS 13-14] NUR 3430, Nursing Research - RN, requests approval in Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing
6. **Five more** courses have been received and will be added to the briefcase.