

23 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, 23 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 9 February meeting
4. Chair's comments
 - a. Deadline for new courses to make it into catalog is end of March.
 - b. USC meeting
 - i. Like the rubrics we are developing, approved of them, sending them off to faculty senate
 - ii. Approved of using 5000 level courses for baccalaureate writing, forwarding to faculty senate
 - iii. Seems no way to do what Kevin wants – will try a different approach
 1. 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
 - c. Received Psychology caps for PSY 4526 (40), PSY 4574 (20), PSY 4595 (30) – all approved.
 - d. Removed from consideration by department
 - i. 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

Action/Discussion Items

1. **Review of curriculum proposals**
 - a) [LHC15-12] HNRS 3204 Technology in the Fine Arts - new course; requests approval in Area I: Fine Arts; previously taught under HNRS 2900 Honors Seminar
 - b) [LHC15-11] HNRS 3203 Introduction to Game Design – new course; requests approval in Area II: Humanities; previously taught under HNRS 2900 Honors Seminar

- c) [CAS 15-32] GEOS 2020 Egypt – Civilization and Geology – change title to Civilization and Geology; change description; offer optional field trip for 3 additional credits; retain in Area IV: Other Cultures and Civilizations
- d) [CAS 15-37] COM 2400 Introduction to Media and Telecommunications – enrollment restrictions; requests approval in Area VII: Natural Science and Technology: Applications and Implications
- e) [CAS 15-86] CHEM 1900 Chemistry in Society – change title to Chemistry of Climate Change; change description; requests approval for Area VII: Natural Sciences and Technology: Applications and Implications

2. 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

3. Next meeting is scheduled for **March 23, 2015**

4. **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) Bronson School of Nursing [CHHS 13-14] NUR 3430, Nursing Research - RN, requests approval in Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing
- d) [M10.14-15] MUS 1510 Music Appreciation: Jazz/Pop – change title to Jazz in American Culture; change description; requests approval in AREA III: The United States: Cultures and Issues, awaiting syllabus
- e) [M11.14-15] MUS 3520 Non-Western Music – change title to World Music in Theory and Practice; change description; current approval in proficiency 2, baccalaureate writing, awaiting syllabus
- f) [CAS.15-62] ENGL 4790 Writing in the Secondary School – current course, requests approval in proficiency 2, baccalaureate writing, waiting for response and rubric