

6 April 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, 6 April 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 23 March meeting
4. Chair's comments
 - a. MUS 1510 approved via Email
 - b. HNRS, Texas Tour has been removed from consideration by instructor.
 - c. 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

Action/Discussion Items

1. **Review of New Curriculum Proposals**
2. **Review of curriculum proposals – need to be removed from table**
 - a) [CHHS.130-14] NUR 2200 Foundations of Nursing and Critical Thinking; change course description; retain approval in Proficiency 4: Critical Thinking, want to see syllabus
 - b) [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, no syllabus
 - c) [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
3. **Review of Baccalaureate Writing Rubric**
 - a) Please look at the new rubric format (excel). Is it self-explanatory? Is anything misleading or unclear?
 - b) Please make comments or word changes using Track Changes.
4. **Development of Rubrics – AREA 2**
 - a) Please look at the rubric, tracking any obvious changes that need to be made
5. **Development of Rubrics – AREA 3 (if time allows)**
 - a) Please look at the rubric, tracking any obvious changes that need to be made

6. **Policy Discussions**

- a) Is it appropriate to receive General Education credit for a one week course/experience?
- b) Is the current policy in regards to the Honors College flawed?
 - i. Honors College is allowed to offer for Gen Ed a new course the first time. Kevin and Chair see quick paragraph and decide if appropriate for planned Area.
 - ii. What if anything can be done to make a better process?

7. Last meeting is scheduled for **April 20, 2015**

8. **Other Rubrics – next year?**

- a) 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

9. **Tabled proposals** (for information only – will revisit as information is obtained)

- a. Bronson School of Nursing [CHHS 13-14] NUR 3430, Nursing Research - RN, requests approval in Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing
- b. [CAS.15-62] ENGL 4790 Writing in the Secondary School – current course, requests approval in proficiency 2, baccalaureate writing, waiting for response and rubric
- 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. [LHC15-11] HNRS 3203 Introduction to Game Design – new course; requests approval in Area II: Humanities; previously taught under HNRS 2900 Honors Seminar