

MINUTES
General Education Committee
March 26, 2024
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Montecito Room

Members present: David Hunter (Professor of Mathematics), Tatiana Nazarenko (Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness), Felicia Song (Professor of Sociology), Tara Sturges (Recording Secretary, Associate Registrar), Telford Work (Professor of Religious Studies)

Absent: Michelle Hardley (Registrar), Jana Mayfield Mullen (Director, Library & Information Services)

I. Prayer – Tara Sturges

II. The minutes from February 27, 2024

The minutes from February 27, 2024, were unanimously approved.

III. JRD discussion (JRD 2024 subfolder on Google Drive)

Committee members discussed a concern raised by a faculty member regarding the evaluation and approval of courses proposed to fulfill the JRD requirement. The committee affirmed that approved courses must incorporate substantive engagement of JRD material, including appropriate readings assigned throughout the course. The committee recognizes that the amount of JRD content required of approved courses must be reasonable such that a course's essential topics can be sufficiently covered. This aspect may result in varying amounts of JRD material covered in approved courses. The committee anticipates feedback on this topic from the Academic Senate, which will review this faculty member's concern in an upcoming meeting.

IV. HIS-007 Submission Form; History-007 Syllabus; HIS-007 Rationale

During discussion, it was recognized that faculty teaching JRD courses would benefit from professional development opportunities on facilitating the biblical and theological expectations of the JRD GE certification criteria. It was further noted that assessment of approved JRD courses can be enacted sooner than previously planned to determine emerging issues.

After discussion, the committee voted and unanimously approved HIS-007 to fulfill the JRD requirement beginning in Fall 2024.

V. Thinking Globally Syllabus Audit (Google Drive)

The committee reviewed the findings from the Thinking Globally syllabus audit to determine which syllabi needed revisions. The committee chair will contact respective department chairs to inform them of requested revisions.

VI. IB Exams Review

After discussion, the committee voted and unanimously approved the following IB exams for the noted Common Inquiry GE requirements:

- The Global Politics IB exam will fulfill the Thinking Globally GE requirement.
- The Language and Culture IB exam will fulfill the Understanding Society GE requirement.
- The Social and Cultural Anthropology IB exam will fulfill the Understanding Society GE requirement.

The IB exams to be reviewed at the next GE Committee meeting are as follows:

- Dance
- Film in English
- Music

VII. Other Business

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sturges