

## Gen Ed Committee Spring Report for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Prepared by Christa Christ, Chair of General Education Committee (2021-2022).

The General Education Committee meet virtually once a month over the course of the year for a total of 8 1-hour meetings. Astrid Rosario served as recording secretary for these meetings.

**Committee Members:** Astrid Rosario (NSE), Christa Christ (PSY), Jack Cheng (EFA), Chunyu Ai (MCS), Wayne Robbins (LLC), Courtney McDonald (SCW), Susan Richardson (IES), Nicholas Gaffney (HPPA), Brooke Hardin (SEO), Michelle Garland (FACS), Allison Read (LIB), Lina Shu (SON), Julie Wade (JCBE-MEM), and Cathy Sparks (HPH)  
*Ex officio Members:* Bennie Harris (Chancellor), Pam Steinke (Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs), Kim Purdy (University College Dean), and Amanda Karls (Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Compliance)

### **Committee Meeting Dates:**

September 15, 2021; October 20, 2021; November 17, 2021; January 12, 2022; February 9, 2022; March 2, 2022; April 6, 2022; April 20, 2022

### **Committee Actions & Accomplishments**

The committee made several revisions to the General Education paperwork and the resources available through the committee website (<https://www.uscupstate.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-governance/committees/general-education/>) to streamline the process, including:

- Combining the General Education Competency Alignment and Change in Curriculum forms
- Adding corresponding checklists for the rubrics of the student learning outcomes (SLOs)
- Adding an instructional video that was created by Toni DiMella in the Center for Academic Innovation & Faculty Support, to provide guidance on the best way to select a student learning outcome (SLO) and create an artifact for general education course(s)

In preparation of the SACSCOC visit, the committee reviewed the CIB report that was informed by the most recent assessment of General Education courses. Meaningful discussion occurred that will inform future revisions of the assessment process and the measurement of general education SLOs.

Lastly, the committee received and discussed roughly 75% of the previously approved general education courses, with some having fully been approved through the Academic Affairs Committee and Senate, and another larger batch having been passed on to the Academic Affairs committee for when they reconvene in the fall. Some of the remaining courses have elected to be removed from the General Education curriculum and faculty will still have one additional opportunity to submit paperwork to the committee by the beginning of the Fall 2022 semester to allow for the opportunity to be included in the 2023-2024 academic catalog.

### **Future Committee Plans:**

Over the next few weeks an instructional video for how to complete the general education competency alignment and curriculum change form will be added to the website as well. Any questions or paperwork submissions between now and the start of the fall semester can be directed to Christa Christ and the committee will begin its work on the revised 3-year plan including such tasks as (1) reviewing the remaining general education course resubmissions, (2) making minor revisions to the assessment process, committee paperwork, and SLO rubrics to reflect the feedback of the assessment process and committee experience, and (3) to solicit courses for underrepresented competencies or student learning outcomes based on the competency alignment matrix and review of programs. This work will be led by Nick Gaffney, who will serve as the General Education committee chair in the 2022-2023 academic year.