

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE FOR GENERAL EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

VIA ZOOM: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/84229621673>

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Present: Angela Anderson, Aaron Ansell, Stephen Biscotte, Corinne Guimont, Molly Hall, Victoria Lael, Nicole Pitterson, Annie Ronan, Hannah Shinault, Ali Shojaei, Khanh Ngoc Tran, Zach Underwood, Sparkle Williams

Absent: Aaron Goldstein, Janet Hilder, Earl Kline

Guests: Jenni Gallagher

Call to order by Jenni Gallagher at 2:31 pm

1. Introductions

2. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Vote

The committee unanimously elected Hannah Shinault as chair and Aaron Ansell as vice chair.

3. Old Business from AY 2021-22

H. Shinault reminded the committee of two outstanding issues that were voted on last semester.

- The 2021-22 committee approved a resolution (linked [here](#)) to waive Pathways general education requirements for undergraduate students who transferred in already holding a bachelor's degree. The resolution will be on the September 12th CUSP agenda for its first reading. No action is required from UCCGE at this point.
- The 2021-22 committee voted to eliminate the Alternative Pathway option. The UCCGE plans to include this in a resolution later this semester.

4. Special Study Review

The committee reviewed *PHIL 1984: Philosophy of Sport* for alignment with Critical Thinking in the Humanities as a special study course for Spring 2023. The committee unanimously approved the proposal.

5. Program Revisions

J. Gallagher provided a brief overview of the committee's work last semester on streamlining Pathways learning outcomes from 39 to 27. This would reduce the student learning outcomes to three per concept and require that instructors assess two of those three concepts. The Pathways Program Revision subcommittee will continue exploring this idea, in addition to other possible program changes, over the course of the Fall 2022 semester.

The following feedback from the Pathways community will inform that discussion:

- Feedback from the spring virtual assesstival, found [in Canvas](#)
- Feedback from the 2022 Summer Institute, [linked here](#)

J. Gallagher shared a tentative schedule of meetings for this effort (see page 3).

6. Subcommittees

The UCCGE will be comprised of three subcommittees this year: PGEERC, Pathways Program Revision, and Advising. The subcommittees are charged with the following:

PGEERC: These two members will serve on the Pathways General Education Curriculum Review Committee, meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday to review all Pathways courses and minors seeking governance approval.

Pathways Program Revision: This subcommittee will continue the work started during the last academic year to revise the Pathways curriculum and assessment process. They will work with the Office of General Education to draft a governance resolution to present to the full committee by the end of the fall semester.

Advising: This group will discuss opportunities, challenges, needs, inconsistencies, tools, etc. related to all things Pathways advising campus wide. They will utilize the [Pathways Course Enrollment dashboard](#) to investigate how students are fulfilling their Pathways requirements and use that data to identify potential improvements to the Pathways program or new methods for supporting student advising.

Committee members signed up for subcommittees, as displayed below:

PGEERC (2 members)	Pathways Program Revision		Advising
Annie Ronan	Leaders: Molly Hall and Hannah Shinault		Leader: Victoria Lael
Hannah Shinault	Stephen Biscotte	Aaron Goldstein	Zack Underwood
	Angela Anderson	Earl Kline	Aaron Ansell
	Sparkle D. Williams	Janet Hilder	Corinne Guimont
	Ali Shojaei	Nicole Pitterson	Khanh Ngoc Tran

Meeting adjourned by Hannah Shinault at 3:08 pm

Minutes compiled by Jenni Gallagher

2022 UCCGE Schedule re: Program Revision (tentative)

Meeting	Agenda Item(s)
9/7 full meeting	Background on what was accomplished last year, timeline and goals for the fall 2022 semester, sign up for subcommittees
9/21 subcommittee meeting	PPR subcommittee reviews data from last semester and identifies program and assessment changes to pursue
10/5 full meeting	PPR subcommittee presents their findings to the full committee and receives feedback
10/19 subcommittee meeting	PPR subcommittee compiles agreed-upon changes (and justifications for those change). The OGE will then draft a resolution.
11/2 full meeting	Full committee reviews draft resolution and identifies any needed changes. After the meeting, committee members solicit feedback from their constituencies on the draft resolution.
11/30 subcommittee meeting	PPR subcommittee reviews campus-wide feedback and revises resolution as needed.
12/7 full meeting	Full committee reviews and votes on resolution