

# UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE FOR GENERAL EDUCATION

## MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 1, 2023

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

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

**Present:** Angela Anderson, Aaron Ansell, AJ Bass, Stephen Biscotte, Briana Ermanni, Aaron Goldstein, Corinne Guimont, Molly Hall, Victoria Lael, Jason Malone, Yejin Moon, Nicole Pitterson, Hannah Shinault, Jeremy Sudweeks, Zack Underwood, Sparkle Williams

**Absent:** Janet Hilder, Earl Kline, Annie Ronan, Khanh Ngoc Tran

**Guests:** None

Call to order by Hannah Shinault at 2:30 pm

Announcements

- Introduction of two new Undergraduate Student Senate representatives: Yejin Moon and AJ Bass

### 1. Study Abroad & Special Study Reviews

The committee unanimously approved *ENGL 3954: Strangers in the Village: Writing Race and Gender Abroad* for concept 6a (Critique and Practice in the Arts).

The committee unanimously approved *LAHS 1984: Intro to LGBTQ+ Studies* for concept 7 (Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the U.S.).

The committee tabled the proposal requesting approval for concept 4 (Reasoning in the Natural Sciences) for *PHS/ALS 2984: Population Health Sciences*.

The committee unanimously approved *FIW 3954: One Health Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development* for concept 3 (Reasoning in the Social Sciences).

The committee unanimously approved *FIW 3954: Wildlife Ecology and Behavior* for concept 4 (Reasoning in the Natural Sciences).

The committee unanimously approved *FIW 3954: One Health and Socioecological Systems* for concept 3 (Reasoning in the Social Sciences).

### 2. Subcommittee Reports

- **Advising**
  - Survey being developed to gather data for Pathways advising obstacles, issues, etc.

- <https://virginiatech.questionpro.com/a/TakeSurvey?tt=32esq/RCTggECHRPeIW9eQ%3D%3D>
  - Would go to faculty, advisors, etc. through the advising communication channels
  - Asking person filling out survey to consider a single major as they fill it out and go concept-by-concept
  - Gets into prescriptions versus choice, get a feel for what they rely on and what they need, etc.
  - Looking for feedback on the survey in the next week to get to advisors before course request kicks in = so mid-March launch is ideal
  - Feedback: change Pathways Minors to a multi-selection dropdown
  - Feedback: can we change language from single major to broader serving? It's not ideal, better to stick to focusing on one major = can fill it out more than once
- **Pathways Program Review**
  - Talked through different ideas to making changes to program and/or assessment
  - Now compiling a specific proposal/details for the subcommittee to react to at the April meeting
  - **Subcommittee NOT meeting in March, but will meet in April**
  - Working with TLOS to develop Pathways Assessment Canvas survey: features, desires, limitations, etc.

Meeting adjourned by Hannah Shinault at 3:15 pm

*Minutes compiled by Stephen Biscotte*