

# University Curriculum Committee for General Education

## Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2021

2:30 - 3:45 pm, Zoom meeting

**Present:** Angela Anderson, Taran Cardone, Ellington Graves, James Lord, Molly Hall, Kristin Phillips, Richard Rateau, Maren Roman, Annie Ronan, Hannah Shinault, Jill Sible, Anita Walz, James Wilson, Matthew Zarbatany

**Absent:** Brian Collins, Shelley Martin, Rob Stephens, Zack Underwood

**Guests:** Stephen Biscotte, Jenni Gallagher, Banks Blair

Call to Order by Hannah Shinault at 2:30 pm

### 1. VA Transfer Passport

- The committee received three new requests for courses to review: GOL 112, PHY 100, PHY 241/242.
- The committee also revisited two courses that the committee had previously reviewed but did not approve due to insufficient information.
- The results of the reviews were as follows:
  - o REL 100: The reviewers indicated that the course appears to qualify for Pathways 2 & 3 based on the more detailed syllabus they received, but the committee requests one more syllabus before confirming approval.
  - o PHI 260: Not approved.
  - o GOL 112: One committee member voted to approve and the other vote is forthcoming. If the second reviewer votes to approve, then the committee agrees to approve.
  - o PHY 100: The committee requests two syllabi to conduct their review.
  - o PHY 241/242: The committee requests two syllabi to conduct their review.
- Syllabi can be found [on Canvas](#) and review results on the [Google doc of all VCCS reviews](#).

### 2. Pathways Annual Grant Program

- Registration is open for the [Pathways Annual Grant Program](#). The focus this year is mainly on Pathways Minors, courses contributing to Pathways Minors, and courses in higher need areas. Proposals are due Mar 1. Reach out to Stephen ([biscotsm@vt.edu](mailto:biscotsm@vt.edu)) with any questions.

### 3. Student Motivation and Engagement Project

- If you're interested in collecting data on your students' perceptions of their motivation and engagement with your course, Stephen can supply you with an individualized survey to give your students.

- The Office of Gen Ed will then provide a report reflecting the results. This can be helpful in providing some formative, real-time feedback from students without waiting for the SPOT. Contact Stephen ([biscotsm@vt.edu](mailto:biscotsm@vt.edu)) to participate.

#### 4. Update: Pathways Minor Enrollment Data

- Over 750 students are currently enrolled in the 25 Pathways minors.
- 6 of those minors have over 20 different majors enrolled.
- Stephen provided a link to the file containing the data, which can be accessed from the [UCCGE Canvas site](#).

#### 5. Subcommittee Reports

- Advising
  - o Banks shared two versions of a template for a major/minor mapping resource for students and asked for feedback.
    - The committee suggested revising the flyer to combine page 1 of version 2 with page 2 of version 1 and possibly making the pdf interactive to allow students to view the list of electives.
- Assessment
  - o Stephen reported that ~50 proposals, representing ~200 instructors, have been received for assessment mini-grants for Spring 2021.
  - o Molly reported that ~10 people have taken each of first two pathways assessment workshops. There is one more workshop scheduled this semester for Feb. 9.
- Collaboratory
  - o Anita provided a report, [linked here](#), on the subcommittee's progress.
  - o Committee members are encouraged to provide comments/feedback on the report by 5 pm on Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm by Hannah Shinault.

*Minutes compiled by Jenni Gallagher*