

**Council on General Education Minutes**  
**April 18, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., STV 140**

**Presiding:** Gregory Ferrence

**Present:** Brian Aitken, Mary Elaine Califf, Gregory Braswell, Linda Clemmons, Gregory Ferrence, Amy Hurd, Kimberly Nance, Yvette Pigman, Rocio Rivadeneyra, and Chris Worland

Ferrence called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Guests:**

Malinda Aiello, Program Director, Illinois Articulation Initiative

**Action Items:**

**1. Approval of February 21, 2023 Minutes**

Ferrence asked if there were corrections to the minutes as submitted. There were no corrections. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

**2. Approval of March 21, 2023 Minutes**

Ferrence asked if there were corrections to the minutes as submitted. There were no corrections. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

**3. ECO 101 Principles of Microeconomics (existing course proposed for SS designation)**

**4. ECO 102 Principles of Macroeconomics (existing course proposed for SS designation)**

The proposal for ECO 101 was submitted by Dr. Aslihan Spaulding, interim chair, Department of Economics. The proposal for ECO 102 was submitted by Dr. Susan Chen, Professor, Department of Economics. The Council decided to review the proposals together.

Council members felt both courses were a good fit for the SS designation. Ferrence noted that both courses are considered General Education courses at other institutions. Aitken added both courses currently count for IAI requirements but do not fulfill General Education requirements at Illinois State.

A motion was made by Aitken to approve both courses for the SS designation. Rivadeneyra seconded.

A vote was taken. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion passed.

**5. MQM 120 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Workplace (revision to existing SS course)**

The course was proposed by Dr. Tina Williams, chair, Department of Management and Quantitative Methods. The Council previously reviewed and tabled the proposal at a previous meeting.

Ferrence reminded Council members the proposal had been sent back to the department at a previous meeting. During that meeting, it was noted the course description was well over the 41-word limit. The proposer was asked to condense the description to comply with the limit. The department re-submitted the proposal with the edited course description.

Ferrence and Nance noted the revised course description was well within the specified word limit and members did not have any concerns regarding the proposed course revisions.

A motion was made by Califf to approve MQM 120 for the SS designation. Clemmons seconded.

A vote was taken. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion passed.

**Information Items:**

**6. Recognition of outgoing members**

Outgoing Council members were thanked for their service to the Council. Ferrence was thanked for serving as chair.

Ferrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rivadeneyra seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Soemer Simmons