

**Council on General Education Minutes
September 15, 2015
Stevenson Hall Room 140
10:00 a.m.**

Presiding: John Poole

Attending: Brian Aitken, Alan Bates, Anthony Crubaugh, James Cunningham, Katherine Ellison, Claire Lieberman, Janeen Mollenhauer, Sally Parry, Terry Plickebaum, John Poole, Jonathan Rosenthal

Guests: Ryan Smith, Director, University Assessment
Derek Hermann, Coordinator of Academic Services, University Assessment Office
James Van Der Laan, Professor, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Poole called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

POL 151 – Introduction to International Relations

There was a request to make POL 151 a Social Sciences General Education course. This was tabled and withdrawn from consideration.

Art 155 Survey of Art I and Art 156 Survey of Art II

The School of Art has requested that ART 155 and 156 be designated as courses in the General Education Sequence. These courses serve as IAI courses and they used to serve as General Education. This would be a return to aligning our ART courses with IAI.

The question was called and approved unanimously.

SOC 106 – Introduction to Sociology

Sociology submitted materials in support of including SOC 106 in the Individuals and Civic Life category of the General Education Program. Crubaugh asked how this would impact other ICL courses. Rosenthal noted that it would allow for more options and smaller sections. Sociology has done a solid job of addressing learning outcomes. The Council discussed learning outcomes. Aitken is in favor, but would like them to revisit catalog description.

The question was called.

Council members agreed that Sociology needs to think more about the catalog description and revamping it to more accurately reflect ICL goals and outcomes.

Six in favor and 1 opposed with the caveat that the catalog description be revised.

European Studies

Council members reviewed curriculum proposals for the following:

IDS European Studies Major
IDS European Studies Minor
IDS 375 – European Studies: Research in European Studies
IDS 275 – European Studies: Topics in European Studies
IDS 312 – European Studies: Senior Seminar
IDS 212 – European Studies: Europe Today
IDS 112 – European Studies: Introduction to Europe

The program would fill a hole in the curriculum at Illinois State. The courses address interdisciplinary and international needs of the University. Van Der Laan taught IDS 112 in which he found a general lack of baseline knowledge about Europe. The major would include a study abroad component that would accomplish many goals and take students out of their geographical and cultural comfort zones.

The structure of and advising for the major were discussed.

Council members questioned how many hours could be counted toward both majors in the case of students double majoring. This would depend on the department. This major is good for highly motivated students with interdisciplinary interests. Students can construct a major, with assistance from advisor and program director.

Council members asked about language requirements. Students would need LAN through 116 plus one course at the 200 level. Students can take study abroad courses in European languages and they would count.

History and Languages, Literature and Cultures have signed off on this proposal. In addition Art, English, Music, Theatre, Politics and Government, Philosophy and Economics have written letters of support.

A minimum of 30 and a maximum of 45 total hours are required to complete the major. The number of hours depends on the language level at which the student enters the program. There was some intention in not loading up hours which would discourage students.

A Motion to approve the major, minor, and courses was made.

Six in favor and 1 abstaining. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Scott