

University Undergraduate Committee Notes of Discussion

February 17, 2021 – 3:30pm-5:00pm, zoom virtual

Meeting called by: Ambur Lindstrom-Mette, Chair
 Type of meeting: University Undergraduate Committee
 Facilitator: Ambur Lindstrom-Mette
 Note taker: Barbara Branton

Voting members: Ambur Lindstrom-Mette, Zhan (Jen) Xu, Diana Coleman, Lauren Acosta, Melissa Settle, Joe Collentine, Christopher Gore, Whitney Stefani, Jill Young, Brian Stone, Andrew See, Melissa Schonauer, Jin Wang

Non-Voting members: Chris Drake, Steve Palmer, Melinda Treml, Sue Pieper, Jeff Berglund,

Excused: Lisa Bliss, Therese Myers, Samantha Clifford,

Topic	Discussion
Welcome	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Quorum was present.</p>
Notes of Discussion	D. Coleman moved; L. Acosta seconded and the notes of discussion for February 3, 2021 were approved.
Liberal Studies process timeline	Members considered the timeline for the final general education reviews, input, compilation and moving of the final proposal to the Faculty Senate for approval. This timeline will use March for the joint reviews by UUC, Liberal Studies and Diversity Curriculum committee.
Liberal Studies, General Education Proposal	<p>Members discussed updated areas of the proposal since the last meeting. Several constituencies sent proposals. Global Languages & Cultures sent a proposal outlining how they align with the new Social & Political Worlds content area. Part of this discussion considered how to increase breadth of knowledge for BA students (which has a language requirement) by pursuing courses outside their college.</p> <p>The Diversity Curriculum committee is soliciting input on credits and categories for courses under the new program. They are seeking further input after receiving a letter from the Commission for Native Americans supporting 12 credits in diversity to include 3 credits on Indigenous Peoples. If this is too aspirational, then 9 credits with 3 of those credits focusing on Indigenous Peoples was preferred. This request aligns with NAUs strategic plan and physical location on Indigenous lands. While not resolved, there was discussion on the title for Dimensions of Differences and Identity (ies) category.</p> <p>There are still concerns about revising the Diversity requirement and its potential effect for transfer students. For those with a full AGECEC it will be transparent. Additional information is being gathered for those who transfer in a partial AGECEC. The results of the course census and how existing classes will fit into the new program remains a concern. However, the census cannot be completed until the descriptions for the new knowledge areas has been completed.</p>

Good of the Order (opportunity to bring forward future agenda items)	
Announcements	Next meeting is in two weeks, March 3.
Adjournment	T. Myers moved, M. Settle seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.