

Oakland University General Education Committee Annual Report, 2015-16

Committee Members:

Chair

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Rob Anderson
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General Education Coordinator

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Committee Charge:

To recommend to the Senate policies and requirements for undergraduate general education, to function as a curriculum committee for a university-wide program of general education, to respond to petitions of exception relating to that program in accordance with Senate authorizations, to communicate through regular exchange of minutes with the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction, and to provide information on petitions of exception regarding General Education to the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction for preparation of a university-wide annual report on petitions of exception.

Assessment Review Procedure

The committee approved the following Assessment Review Procedure:

Proposed Assessment Review Procedures

1. The chair of the General Education committee will assign each assessment report to the voting members of the committee for review.
2. The initial stage of the review will take place online, via Espace.
3. Each individual assessment report will be assigned for review to roughly half of the voting members of the General Education committee.
4. If there is a consensus among the voting committee members who carry out the initial review that the assessment report is excellent the chair of the General Education committee will send a brief memorandum to the relevant department or program chair indicating that the report is excellent. The General Education committee chair will summarize the committee's comments regarding the report.
5. If there is a consensus among the voting committee members who carry out the initial review that the assessment report is good with minor issues, the chair of the General Education committee will send a brief memorandum to the relevant department or program chair indicating that the report is good with minor issues. The General Education committee chair will summarize the committee's comments and concerns regarding the report.

6. If there is a consensus among the voting committee members who carry out the initial review that the assessment report has significant issues, the chair of the General Education committee will send a brief memorandum to the relevant department or program chair indicating that the report has significant issues. The General Education committee chair will summarize the committee's comments and concerns regarding the report.
7. If an assessment report is found to have significant issues, the committee will request that the department or program chair submit a plan for improvement of future assessment reports. The plan for improvement of future assessment reports will be due September 1st of the next academic year.
8. If there is no consensus whether the assessment report is excellent without any issues, good with minor issues, or has significant issues, the entire committee will discuss the report at a meeting, if possible. Otherwise, the report will be sent to the entire committee online in an attempt to reach a majority opinion. Whatever that opinion is, along with the committee's comments and concerns, will be addressed in the General Education committee chair's memorandum to the relevant department or program chair.
9. If no assessment report is received, the General Education committee chair will write a memorandum to the relevant department program or chair noting that no assessment report was received.
10. All memos sent to department or program chairs will be sent CC to the Senior Associate Provost and will be stored on Espace.

Petitions of Exception

The committee approved 150 petitions of exception.

The committee denied 46 petitions of exception.

Transfer Course Reviews

The committee approved 36 transfer course reviews.

The committee denied 63 transfer course reviews.

Non-Student Initiated Transfer Course Reviews

The committee approved 11 General Education designations.

The committee denied 4 General Education designations.

New Course Approvals

The committee approved 11 new General Education designations for 8 courses.

BIO 499	Biomedicine and Disease	CAP
BIO 499	Biomedicine and Disease	WIM
MUS 423	Berlin's Musical Cultures	CAP
MUS 423	Berlin's Musical Cultures	WIM
FRH 480	Undergraduate Seminar	CAP
FRH 480	Undergraduate Seminar	WIM
ISE 170	Learning How to Learn	SS
IS 205	Issues in Global Health	GP
PS 321	Systematic Political Analysis	FR
MUS 103	Music, Culture and Wstn Civ	WCIV
HST 205	World History	GP

General Education Course Assessment Reviews

Cassandra Barragan met and assisted several departments to facilitate timely, successful assessment reviews to be submitted to the committee for Western Civilization, Art and Writing Foundations.

The committee received and evaluated assessment reviews for 9 Western Civilization courses, determining that 3 of the assessments were good, with minor issues, and 6 were excellent, with no issues:

HST 292	History of the African American People	4	Excellent - without any issues
HST 115	Introduction to American History Since 1877	4	Excellent - without any issues
HST 114	Introduction to American History to 1877	4	Excellent - without any issues
HST 102	Introduction to European History Since 1715	4	Excellent - without any issues
HST 101	Introduction to European History Before 1715	4	Excellent - without any issues
PHL 104	Introduction to Ethics in Science and Engineering	4	Good - with minor issues

PHL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	4	Good - with minor issues
AN 300	Culture, Society and Technology	4	Good - with minor issues
AN 101	Human and Cultural Evolution	4	Excellent - without any issues

The committee, with the assistance of the Assessment Coordinator, will continue to seek the remaining assessments scheduled to be completed this year.