

Curriculum Committee Minutes

January 25, 2024

Location: Zoom Only

PRESENT:

Voting Committee Members

Vice Chair- Andrea LoMonaco (Business)
 Pam Morse (Math)
 Robert Wells-Clark (Tech/Trade)

Stephen Shwiff (Social Science)
 Emilie Miller (Science)
 Tori Stanek (Inst Dean/Dir)

Non-Voting Committee Members

Susan Lewis (Curriculum)
 Mary Martin (Student Services)

Supporting Staff

Sara Wade (Instructional Services)

Guests

Mike Espinoza, Sara Mustonen,
 Tina Ontiveros

ABSENT

Voting Members

Chair- Mimi Pentz (Nursing/Health), Kristen Booth (Pre-College), Jenn Kamrar (Art,Cult,Comm)

Non-Voting Committee Members

Jarett Gilbert (VP Instructional Services)

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order: 3.35 pm	Meeting was called to order at 3:35pm by Co-Chair Andrea LoMonaco.	
Old Business	Contact Hour Definitions – Postponed until February 8 th meeting.	
Submissions: None		
New Business: New Member of the Curriculum Committee	Tori Stanek has been asked and accepted filling the Instructional Dean/Director vacancy left by Rebecca Schwartz. <i>Welcome to the Curriculum Committee, Tori!!</i>	
Discussion Items:		
1. FYE Revision – the FYE committee is seeking feedback regarding potential updates to the FYE course, including the potential for making it a mandatory	Tina and Tori presented the new ideas from the FYE Committee around revising the FYE (First Year Experience) course with new outcomes and the idea/request of making the course required to all degree seeking students. FYE Committee Plan/Rationale for Revising	

requirement for all degrees offered by CGCC. Some potential areas for discussion:

- new course design (purpose, outcomes, content)
- potential credit overload issues for some degrees
- benefit for all students
- scheduling
- potential for an opt-out format, allowing students with specific circumstances to opt-out

- Outcomes and content are being updated to reflect those around the state
- Course will be mandatory for all degree seeking students
- Hope is that requiring this course will help ensure that students finish their first term with a completed academic plan and have all the resources to navigate CGCC/College and soft skills in executing their plan.

Exceptions to this Mandate FYE (all just ideas)

Program Exceptions

- In programs with maximum credit loads (108 credits) i.e. Aviation Maintenance and Paramedic, the plan is to work with chairs, directors and/or deans to determine how the FYE outcomes are met somewhere in the program.

Student Exemptions

- More than 24 previous college credits with a 2.0 GPA
- Students who are enrolled in the Degree Partnership Program with OSU, WOU or OIT
- Students that have been accepted in to a limited entry program such as Nursing
- Students who participate in alternative 3-day NSO that covers FYE outcomes prior to term
- Dual Credit Students who participate in online orientation.

Other Possibilities

- Make a WR121/115 lab required and adding FYE outcomes

Concerns about this mandate

- Will students have to pay for this class?
 - It is being worked out to see if the college can cover this course with out having students paying for this course. FYE committee would like to see this as a free course to students if the college is mandating the course
- Question really for the nursing department, would we exempt students that are gathering their prerequisites for entry into the program.
 - Yes, because the students are not declared with that degree while they are taking the prerequisite for the program.
 - It could be a prerequisite to the program if that is what we decide.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion: have multiple instructors coming in for a section of FYE so that students have a “taste” of all the different pathways/departments. • How will this course transfer? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most institutions will transfer this as a Gen Ed Credit • Dezi shared data of students that took previous FYE class. • For the transfer degrees we can not change the degree requirements by adding this mandatory class. But there is a way to make this a college degree requirement. • Will some of the CG classes be eliminated with the updating of the FYE? Some of the CG classes are built into degree requirements. <p>The FYE Committee is working with Instructional Council on a project of what the chairs and departments would like to see included in FYE with particular emphasis on student learning outcomes. The committee has gathered information from other colleges and have compiled into a list, and with the help of IC will narrow and finalize it. Things that may be included would be student life, departmental projects, navigating college and CGCC, help building a strong college student.</p> <p>Summarizing Points & Finalizing Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding a way to make this a no cost to students • Support in opt outs for students and different programs • Could this be the connection between Gen Ed and Career & Technical concepts? Maybe just a starting point. 	
<p>Meeting Adjourned: 4:34pm</p>	<p>All in favor to end meeting. The meeting ended at 4:34 pm.</p>	<p>Next Meeting: February 8, 2024</p>