

# FHSU General Education Committee

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## Minutes

### Meeting Called by

Bradley Will, Chair

**Date:** Thursday November 4, 2021

**Time:** 3:30-5:00

**Location:** Pioneer Room, and  
<https://fhsu.zoom.us/j/94468542828>

### Members

Douglas Drabkin (AHSS)  
Marcella Marez (AHSS)  
Christina Glenn (BE)  
David Schmidt (BE)  
Sarah Broman Miller (Ed)  
Phillip Olt (Ed)  
Denise Orth (HBS)  
Tanya Smith (HBS)  
C.D. Clark (STM)  
Lane Young (STM)  
Robyn Hartman (Lib)  
Jeni McRay (Senate)  
Ryan Stanley (SGA)  
Cheryl Duffy (Goss Engl)

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3:31 (0.5 minutes) All members were present with the exception of Miller, Olt, and Orth. Schmidt served as proxy for Miller, Hartman for Olt, and Marez for Orth.

3:31 (0.5 minutes) The minutes from October 21 were approved.

3:32 (9 minutes) Chair reported to the committee that Faculty Senate had questions about the proposal coming to them for approval from Academic Affairs for **PHYS 208: Elementary Meteorology** to satisfy **the first two 2.1D outcomes (natural scientific mode of inquiry)**. This was something we approved contingently two months ago at our September 2 meeting. The minutes from that meeting read:

The committee considered a revision of the proposal for PHYS 208: Elementary Meteorology to satisfy the 2.1D outcomes (natural scientific mode of inquiry). The plan is to use the College of Science, Technology, and Mathematics' assessment template, which has already been approved for outcomes 2.1D.1 and 2.1D.2. The only item in the proposal that was judged in need of repair was the syllabus, which confusingly lists the two CORE outcomes, not in the list of course "learning outcomes," but under "assessment of learning outcomes." Also, the descriptions on the syllabus of these assessments appear to refer back to the assessment tools that are being replaced by the STM college's assessment template. Chair will speak with Gavin Buffington about this. The committee voted to approve the proposal, contingent upon these changes being made to the syllabus.

The confusion at Senate was a combination of three things: (1) it wasn't clear which documents the senators had before their attention -- this is a problem with which we are all familiar -- (2) it wasn't clear to the senators how the STM college template assessment is supposed to work (e.g., how many questions, how

many points), and (3) it wasn't clear on the CORE rubric that the scoring for the assessment of outcome 1 is separate from the scoring for outcome 2. Chair will clear this up for the senators, but he suggests to the committee that we may want to be careful with these STM template proposals going forward. It needs to be clear to the Senate-at-large how they are supposed to work, and the documents need to speak for themselves. He also recommends (asks) that we return to meeting every week, at least for the near future.

3:41 (17 minutes) The committee considered a proposal for **LDRS 460: Global Leadership** to satisfy the **2.1F outcomes (social scientific mode of inquiry)**. See minutes for [March 18, 2021](#) and [October 7, 2021](#). The proposal was **tabled** on the grounds that the documents hadn't been updated.

3:58 (18 minutes) The committee considered a proposal for **NURS 488L: Global Nursing Experience Practicum** to satisfy the **3.2 outcomes (intercultural competence)**. The committee overwhelmingly approved the proposal, only one vote against, but with the recommendation that the department consider revising the CORE rubric (deciding, for instance, if they intend for "evaluation" to enter into outcome 2 under developing proficiency, but then drop out at proficiency).

4:16 (18 minutes) The committee began discussing a set of biology courses **BIOL 200, 100, 180, 180L, and 102**, all being proposed for one or more of the **2.1D outcomes (natural scientific mode of inquiry)**, but decided to set them aside and take them up next week. See 3:32 above.

4:34 (4 minutes) The committee also decided to wait until next week to consider **PSY 300: Abnormal Psychology** to satisfy the **3.1A outcomes (dimensions of wellness)**. Several members of the committee needed more time to consider the proposal.

4:38 Meeting ended. Our next meeting will be in one week, on Thursday November 11, at 3:30 PM.

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Submitted by **D. Drabkin, Recording Secretary**

