

# FHSU General Education Committee

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## Minutes

### Meeting Called by

Glen McNeil, Chair

### Date:

Thursday December 8, 2022

### Time:

3:30-4:30

### Location:

Rarick 107

### Members

Douglas Drabkin (AHSS)  
Marcella Marez (AHSS)  
Christina Glenn (BE)  
David Schmidt (BE)  
Sarah Broman Miller (Ed)  
Sohyun Yang (Ed)  
Denise Orth (HBS)  
Tanya Smith (HBS)  
C.D. Clark (STM)  
Todd Moore (STM)  
Robyn Hartman (Lib)  
Justin Greenleaf (Senate)  
Emma Day (SGA)  
Cheryl Duffy (Goss Engl)

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All members were eventually present with the exception of Clark, Day, Duffy, Glenn, Miller, and Smith. Moore served as proxy for Clark, Drabkin for Duffy, Orth for Glenn, Schmidt for Miller, and Hartman for Smith. Brad Will (Director of General Education) and Jill Arensdorf (Provost) were also in attendance. Determined that a quorum was met.

3:33 (36 minutes) The minutes from the December 1 meeting were approved. We then talked about a great many things only loosely related to general education -- ameliorating lactase deficiency, how to behave in the presence of a grizzly bear, etc. -- as we waited for the provost to arrive.

4:09 (41 minutes) The remainder of the meeting amounted to a charge, to the committee, from the provost, concerning our next steps moving forward after approval on Monday of the General Education Academic Affairs Joint Task Force recommendations for merging the KBOR systemwide general education program with the FHSU CORE program. The provost explained that, for this revised program to be up and running in Fall 2023, **three sets of common learning outcomes need to be revised and approved by our committee by the end of February**: (1) the engaged global citizens and intercultural competence set, (2) the personal and professional development set, and (3) the critical thinking and persuasive writing set. There are other changes that need to happen to carry out the recommendations, but these are the ones we are being asked to deal with first. To expedite this process, Arensdorf, McNeil, and Will will meet early next week to

divide our committee into three sub-committees, one for each of these merged outcome sets. If you would prefer working on one or another of these sub-committees, send McNeil an email.

Other information that came out at the meeting: (1) The advisors will be trained in changes to the general education program in late January. (2) Courses like SOC 388: Sociology of the Family in America is a KBOR systemwide transfer course, so it will automatically count for the KBOR Social and Behavioral Sciences bucket, whether we have approved it for CORE assessment or not. These sorts of courses will eventually have to receive CORE approval (syllabus, rubric, etc.) so that we can assess them like our other in-house general education courses; but getting this done can be for another day. (3) And a "Course Approval Process Group" has been set up for simplifying, clarifying, and hopefully speeding up the approval of courses. They have already begun their work.

4:50 The meeting ended. Rarick 107 has been reserved for next Thursday at 3:30 if any of the sub-committees would like a place to meet to get started.

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

