

# FHSU General Education Committee

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## Minutes

### Meeting Called by

Brad Will, Chair

### Date:

Thursday February 1, 2024

### Time:

3:30-4:30

### Location:

Trails Room, Memorial Union

### Members

Douglas Drabkin (AHSS)  
Amber Nickell (AHSS)  
Emily Breit (BE)  
David Schmidt (BE)  
Sarah Broman Miller (Ed)  
Sohyun Yang (Ed)  
Arrica Braun (HBS)  
Tanya Smith (HBS)  
C.D. Clark (STM)  
Todd Moore (STM)  
Robyn Hartman (Lib)  
Ginger Loggins (Senate)  
Audrey Rymer (SGA)  
Cheryl Duffy (Goss Engl)

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3:30 (1 minutes) All members were present with the exception of Breit, Miller, Nickell, Rymer, and Yang. Schmidt served as proxy for Miller, and Duffy served as proxy for Nickell, and Hartman served as proxy for Yang. Determined that a quorum was met.

3:31 (1 minute) The minutes from the December 7 meeting were amended and approved.

3:32 (2 minutes) Chair informed the committee that "Affiliation Implementation Team 7" met and discussed questions concerning general education at these institutions. This has to do with the Strategic Affiliation Initiative between Fort Hays State University, North Central Kansas Technical College, and Northwest Kansas Technical College that came into being last year.

3:34 (10 minutes) The committee considered a proposal for **HIST 105: Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues** to satisfy the revised CORE 1.5 outcomes (critical thinking), and voted to ask the department to **revise and resubmit** the proposal. Outcome 1 needs to have a single assessment, and the assessment instrument needs to show whether the student is able to systematically evaluate arguments of various kinds. To evaluate an argument systematically is to evaluate it on a fairly granular level, which involves identifying the kind of argument it is, its component premises and conclusions, and the features that make the argument valid or invalid if deductive, or strong or weak if inductive. The proposal needs to make clear how this sort of thing is going to be tested for, either by providing sample exercises or describing how the exam will be developed.

3:44 The meeting ended. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 15, 3:30 PM, Trails Room.

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

