

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
The Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee

Minutes

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September 14, 2023

Attending: Cornelia Lang (chair), Jill Beckman, Asha Bhandary, Rodica Curtu, Emilie Maurel-Destruel, Amira Qidwai, Christine Shea, Amy Strathman, Jan Wessel, Cinda Coggins Mosher, Anita Jung

1. The minutes from the previous meeting on September 7, 2023, were approved.
2. Cinda Coggins Mosher provided an update from the Faculty Assembly Planning Meeting. FA requested a slide from the UEPCC liaison that informs FA about the proceedings in UEPCC and future plans that may affect FA.
3. The committee reviewed a GE proposal recommended by the GE Curriculum committee, “AFAM 1900: Topics in African American Studies”, presented to the committee by GE liaison Amira Qidwai. Questions pertained to whether there are other rotating-topic courses currently taught as GE and about the repeatability of the course. Overall, the committee was very positively inclined towards the proposal and voted unanimously to approve it for GE status in Diversity and Inclusion.
4. Associate Dean Lang introduced the upcoming regular assessment of the CLAS Core Rhetoric requirement (<https://clas.uiowa.edu/faculty/assessment>). A faculty-led committee is forming to lead the assessment in partnership with the Department of Rhetoric. Since all undergraduate students at UI take this requirement, the committee will have broad representation from students, academic staff, campus partners and faculty. The assessment will focus on how the student learning outcomes are being met by the current three courses in this GE category (RHET 1030, 1040 and 1060). In addition, the assessment will provide an opportunity to get feedback from students and instructors, to adjust the current student learning outcomes if necessary, and to look at some of the current policies that are specific to this GE category. The assessment will occur during AY 23-24 with recommendations made to GECC and UEPCC for discussion toward the end of the spring semester 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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