

University General Education Council
January 22, 2025, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Present: K. Witemeyer, J. Smith, K. Carroll, M. Deeg, A. Randrianasolo, S. Marshall, D. Kneip, M. Isbell, A. Pittman, L. Reed Senter,

Absent: D. Jackson

Ex-officio: E. Gumm, B. Reeves (C. Riley was absent)

Guests: J. Huddleston, C. Miertschin, D. Counts, D. Kennamer, S. Jones

The meeting began at 3:33 p.m.

- Call to order by J. Smith
- Minutes from 9/25/24

No corrections were presented, so minutes were accepted as approved.

Action Items

1. BIOL 122 – Remove from Life & Physical Sciences General Education Menu

J. Huddleston – We didn't want to assess these courses any longer. However, the more compelling reason is that having them on the menu didn't seem to serve our students. When we first added the labs to the new gen ed menu, we added them because they were there before. Then I noticed that none of the other science departments were including their labs. I don't think any students are benefiting from having the labs on the menu since they are getting their required hours from the lecture courses. J. Smith – There will still be 6 biology courses that will remain on the menu if these labs are removed.

D. Kneip – If we have students who are not science majors who still need the labs will they be impacted? J. Huddleston – They would take labs as electives but would still meet their general education from the lecture courses.

J. Smith – Any concerns about the online students? K. Carroll – We will be fine in Dallas with these changes.

2. BIOL 124 – Remove from Life & Physical Sciences General Education Menu

See above.

3. BIOL/BIOO 293 – Remove from Life & Physical Sciences General Education Menu

See above.

4. BIOL/BIOO 24– Remove from Life & Physical Sciences General Education Menu

See above.

Motion to approve items 1-4 by D. Kneip; seconded by A. Pittman; all in favor; motion passes.

J. Smith – I have heard some interest in adjusting the foreign language options on our menus. I also believe we have a new music course that might petition to be on one of our menus. We have also looked at assessment for our 156 course sections from last semester, and we received about a 95% response rate. That's a great response from faculty.

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.