

## Membership

Chair – Lee Harris

Past Chair – Jenn Stewart

## Members

Natalie Blanton, SOC/CAS (year 1); Edward Brudney, HIST/CAS (year 2); Karen Casebier, MCLL/CAS (year 1, Spring 2024); Rick Dierenfeldt, CRMJ/CAS (year 1); Trevor Elliott, ENME/CECS (year 1); Hadley Holcomb, MATH/CAS (year 1); Fang Yu Hu, HIST/CAS (year 1); Pubudu Jayasekara, MGT/RCOB (year 1); Eun Kim, IARC/CHEPS (year 2); Devori Kimbro, ENGL/CAS (year 1); Edwin Murillo, MCLL/CAS (year 2); Natalie Owsley, NURS/CHEPS (year 1); Luis Sanchez Diaz, PHYS/CAS (year 1); Diette Ward, LIB (year 1); Talia Welsh, PHIL/CAS (year 1); David Witt, ETR/RCOB; Erin Brown, student representative; Sarah Mulkey, student representative; Lauren Ingraham, Provost designee (ex officio). **Student members communicated via email on a few occasions, but did not attend Zoom meetings.**

## Meetings

### 1. Certification of GE23 courses

The General Education committee accomplished the following in 2023-24:

42 courses were certified for GE23: ART 2140; ART 2150; ASTR 1010/1010L; CHEM 1010; COMM 3250; CPSC 3610; DATA 1110; ENCE 2220; ENGL 2020; ENGL 2130; ENGL 2230; FLNG 1010; FLNG 1010R; FLNG 1020; FLNG 2010; GER 1010; GER 1020; HIST 2410; HIST 2440; HIST 2450; HIST 2460; HIST 2550; HIST 2620; HIST 2810; HIST 2860; MKT 2630; MLNG 2000; MUS 1150; MUS 2130; MUS 3110; PHIL 2010; PHIL 2270; PORT 1010; PORT 1020; PORT 2110; PORT 2120; PSPS 2030; SOC 2200; SOC 2320; SOCW 2050; SOCW 2100.

### 2. Recertification of GE14 courses

31 courses were recertified for GE14: ANTH 1200; ASTR 1010; BIOL 1120; CLAS 1200; CLAS 3960; CRMJ 1100; CRMJ 2950; ENGL 1130; ENGL 1150; ENGL 1330; ENGL 2060R; ENGL 2070R; ENGL 2080R; ENGL 2510R; ENGL 3230; GEOL 1025; GEOL 2250; HIST 1110; HIST 1120; HIST 2010; HIST 2030; HIST 2880; INTS 1110; MATH 1010; MLNG 1500 WC-Paris; MLNG 1500 WC-Spain; MLNG 1500 WC-Latin America; PHYS 1040; PHYS 2310/L; SOC 1510; SOC 2150. One course, ENGL 2550 (VPA), was tabled to request revisions prior to later resubmission.

3. **Student Petitions:** The committee reviewed 42 student petitions between August and April. Beth Langford (Registrar's office) uploaded the petitions into a Canvas module by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for committee review. August petitions were discussed and voted on during our August 31 Zoom meeting. In subsequent months, a monthly Discussion board was set up. The committee voted on each student petition through a Canvas quiz. Results are summarized in the attached **2023-24 Gen Ed Petitions Report**.
4. **UHON Repeatable Courses:** Will Kuby of the Honors College shared a list of nine GE14-certified courses that were applying for GE23 certification. These were unanimously approved at our January 15 Zoom meeting. On May 3, the committee approved GE14 outcomes for a list of Fall 2024 UHON courses (Motion: Stewart/Second: Blanton; 10-0-0).
5. **Past/Present/Elect Chair:** Jenn Stewart served admirably as our Past Chair and her guidance was invaluable to the new Chair, Lee Harris. We have not yet identified a Chair-Elect for 2024-25.

#### Tasks for 2024-25

- The Faculty Senate President will need to appoint a General Education committee chair for 2024-25.
- Department heads should encourage their faculty who are appointed to the committee to be actively involved in the work on a consistent basis.
- The nature of the work of the General Education indicates that a 3-year membership term is recommended. This should be encouraged, if not required. Incentives would be helpful.

The following tasks were cited by Jenn Stewart in her report for 2022-23 and still need to be addressed:

- White papers for GE 23 Recertification: Documentation detailing the recertification process for GE Committee members to review as they work through recertification of GE courses in the future

## General Education Committee 2023-24 Final Report

- GE 23 Recertification Schedule: A recertification schedule that spreads out recertification over the span of 5-7 years
- 3000-level and 4000-level GE courses: A discussion and decision as to whether or not these courses should be eligible for GE status.

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2023-24 Petitions

**August 2023:** These petitions were discussed and voted on during our August 31 Zoom meeting. Motions and seconds were not recorded at that meeting.

**Campbell, Kyra HYY176**

GE Category Requested: Non-Western Culture Category

Transfer Name: *COMM 1110*

**Denied 10-0-0**

**Campbell, Kyra HYY176**

GE Category Requested: Natural Sciences

Transfer Name: *PSY 1111 Intro to Psychology*

**Denied 10-0-0**

**Kuczma, James BTT812**

*Applied to Graduation*

GE Category Requested: Behavioral & Social Science

Transfer Name: *PSYC 128 Developmental Psychology*

**Approved 10-0-0**

**Kueker, Claire JTY947**

GE Category Requested: Writing & Communication

Transfer Name: *LAN 1201 Spanish I*

**Denied 10-0-0**

**Lowrey, Bailey QKV597**

*Applied to Graduation*

GE Category Requested: Natural Sciences

Transfer Name: *BIOL 168 Human A&P*

**Denied 10-0-0**

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**Mayer, Madelyn WDK763**

Applied to Graduation

GE Category Requested: Thought, Values & Beliefs

Transfer Name: *HUM 110 The Middle Ages & the Renaissance*

**Approved 10-0-0**

**Mayfield, Lauren BMZ911**

GE Category Requested: Behavioral & Social Science

Transfer Name: *PSY 2110 Psychology of Adjustment*

**Denied 10-0-0**

**Metcalf, Edward HRT468**

Comment: *Previously Tabled for more information, documents received and attached as requested.*

GE Category Requested: Non-Western Culture Category

Transfer Name: *COR 325 Global Trends for the 21st Century*

**Denied 10-0-0**

**Mohamed, Xiomara LXD153**

Comment: *Previously Tabled for more information, no further documentation received.*

GE Category Requested: Literature Sub-catagory

Transfer Name: *HUM 200 Applied Humanities*

**Denied 10-0-0**

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2023-24 Petitions

**September 2023**

**Kelley, Jude QPX655**

Student and Academic Advisor have been notified of the alternate recommendation of the GE Department Head. They have not responded or submitted a new petition.

GE Category Requested: Georgia Institute of Technology

Transfer Name: *MATH 1113 Precalculus*

**Motion: Stewart/Second: Ward Deny 9-0-1**

**Lajas, Tiffany ZBM582**

GE Category Requested: Western Governors University

Transfer Name: *MATH 126 Math for Elementary Education*

**Diaz/Brudney Deny: 9-1-0**

**Patel, Drashti HYL816**

Student was emailed regarding request for course description. They have not responded.

GE Category Requested: St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India

Transfer Name: *GE 6052 General English - 6052*

**Stewart/Ward Deny 8-1-1**

**Sutton, Amber XGH125**

GE Category Requested: Diablo Valley College

Transfer Name: *ENGL 123 Critical Thinking*

**Stewart/Dierenfeldt Deny 8-1-1**

**Sutton, Amber XGH125**

GE Category Requested: Diablo Valley College

Transfer Name: *PH 128 Medical Terminology*

**Stewart/Diaz Deny 9-1-0**

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**Weaver, Seth JVN599**

Course in question is GEOG 1040. Requested equivalent ANTH 1040 is what is listed on the petition.

GE Category Requested: AP Course

Transfer Name: *GEOG 1040 Human Geography*

**Ward/Brudney Deny 8-1-1**

**October 2023**

**McClendone, Brittney ZYW422**

Applied to Graduation (Fall 2023)

GE Category Requested: Natural Sciences Category

Transfer Name: *BIO 116 Intro to Anatomy & Physiology*

**Stewart/Jayasekara Deny 7-2-0**

**Soto, Brianna XLB453**

GE Category Requested: Behavioral & Social Science

Transfer Name: *PSY 210 Human Growth & Development*

**Stewart/Jayasekara Approve 7-0-2**

**November 2023**

**Eckhart, Jonathon QFN694**

GE Category Requested: Humanities & Fine Arts

Transfer Course: *RELB 125 Life of Jesus*

**Kimbro/Owsley Deny 9-3-0**

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**Hitchcock, Ethan GXV788**

Applied to Graduation (Spring 2024)

GE Category Requested: Natural Sciences

Transfer Course: *LUMS 2003 Power of Science: B*

**Kimbro/Owsley Approve 11-0-1**

**Keuker, Claire JTY947**

GE Category Requested: Humanities & Fine Arts

Transfer Course: *LAN 2201 Spanish II*

**Kimbro/Owsley Deny 10-2-0**

**Mildner, Emily RJJ231**

GE Category Requested: Humanities & Fine Arts

Transfer Course: *MCOM 1307 Intro to Media Communication*

**Kimbro/Owsley Deny 10-1-1**

**Patterson, Charles HXT638**

Applied to Graduation (Spring 2024)

GE Category Requested: Literature Subcatagory

Transfer Course: *HIST 111 Western Civilization I*

**Kimbro/Owsley Deny 9-3-0**

**Racca, Riley FZQ667**

GE Category Requested: Natural Sciences

Transfer Course: *SURG 1304 Anatomy & Physiology*

**Kimbro/Owsley Deny 8-3-1**

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**December 2023**

**Farrow, Jack VKZ777**

GE Category Requested: Behaviorial & Social Science

Transfer Course: *PSYC 128 Developmental Psychology*

**Stewart/Dierenfeldt Approve 9-0-1**

**Farrow, Jack VKZ777**

GE Category Requested: Thought, Values & Beliefs

Transfer Course: *RELB 125 Life & Teachings of Jesus*

**Stewart/Dierenfeldt Deny 4-3-0**

**Kelley, Jude QPX655**

**Comment:** An email was sent to Jude Kelley on 11/15/2023 requesting a course syllabus by December 10. There has been no response.

GE Category Requested: Humanities & Fine Arts

Transfer Course: *ARBC 1501 Unerstanding Arab Culture*

**Committee requested more information prior to voting**

**Emily, Mildner RJJ231**

GE Category Requested: Writing & Communication

Transfer Course: *COMM 1318 Interpersonal Communication*

**Stewart/Dierenfeldt Deny 9-1-0**

**Neacsu, Daniel GGY282**

GE Category Requested: Behaviorial & Social Science

Transfer Course: *PSYC 349 Aging and Society*

**Hu/Dierenfeldt Deny 5-0-2**

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**Neacsu, Daniel GGY282**

GE Category Requested: Humanities & Fine Arts

Transfer Course: *RELB 125 Life & Teachings of Jesus*

**Stewart/Welsh Deny 8-2-0**

**January 2024**

**Chancery, Stewart GQC335**

*Applied to Graduation (Spring 2024)*

GE Category Requested: Thought, Values & Beliefs

Transfer Course: *RELB 125 Life & Teachings of Jesus*

**Stewart/Welsh Deny 8-1-1**

**Taft, Kayla NDY937**

An email was sent on December 12, 2023 requesting a syllabus by January 10. There has been no response.

GE Category Requested: Behaviorial & Social Science

Transfer Course: *HSS 280 Social Research Methods*

**Committee requested more information prior to voting**

**February 2024**

**Barajas, Chase CHG824**

GE Category Requested: Thought, Values & Beliefs

Transfer Course: *REL 1009 Int to Bible Themes*

**Welsh/Dierenfeldt Approve 13-0-0**

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**Bazzy, Kristen YRS248**

GE Category Requested: Natural Sciences

Transfer Course: *ESC 1000 Earth & Space Science*

**Welsh/Dierenfeldt Approve 12-0-1**

**Bishop, Taylor KCM226**

Applied to Graduation

GE Category Requested: Historical Understanding

Transfer Course: *HUMN 1000 Intro to Humanities*

**Dierenfeldt/Hu Deny 9-4-0**

**Kuczma, James BTT812**

Applied to Graduation

GE Category Requested: Historical Understanding

Transfer Course: *HIST 465 Special Topics*

**Dierenfeldt/Hu Deny 8-5-0**

**Robinson, Russell VXK329**

GE Category Requested: Quantitative Reasoning

Transfer Course: *MTH 103 Algebraic Reasoning*

**Dierenfeldt/Hu Deny 9-4-0**

**Stoker, Kelli SHR222**

GE Category Requested: Natural Sciences

Transfer Course: *BSC 1086 Hum Ana Phy II*

**Dierenfeldt/Casebier Approve 12-0-1**

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**March 2024**

**Bryant, Elanor TNP348**

GE Category Requested: Natural Sciences

Transfer Course: *BIOL 200 Intro to Tropical Plants*

**Kimbro/Welsh Approve 9-0-0**

**Eilf, James HLY761**

Applied to Graduation - Summer 2024

GE Category Requested: Humanities & Fine Arts

Transfer Course: *THE 230 Intro to Theology*

**Kimbro/Welsh Deny 9-0-0**

**Fowler, James (Ben) WTY682**

GE Category Requested: Non-Western Culture

Transfer Course: *HIS 101 Western Civilization I*

**Kimbro/Welsh Deny 9-0-0**

**Hunley, Hayden NBB623**

Applied to Graduation - Fall 2024

GE Category Requested: Rhetoric & Writing

Transfer Course: *EH 208 Readings Literature*

**Kimbro/Welsh Deny 9-0-0**

**Williamson, Benjamin GVZ495**

GE Category Requested: Thought, Values & Beliefs

Transfer Course: *RELB 125 Life & Teachings of Jesus*

**Kimbro/Welsh Deny 9-0-0**

## **General Education Committee Meeting**

**September 26, 2023**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**September 26, 2023**

#### **Zoom**

Present: Edward Brudney; Rick Dierenfeldt; Trevor Elliott; Lee Harris; Pubudu Jayasekara; Devori Kimbro; Edwin Murillo; Natalie Owsley; Luis Sanchez Diaz; Jenn Stewart; Diette Ward; David Witt; Rebecca Dragoo; Lauren Ingraham

#### **AGENDA**

1. Course Proposals
2. Student Petitions (September)
3. GE14 Recertification; GE23 Certification Processes

24 course proposals were on the September Agenda in Curriculog. Of these, 14 courses had approval from both reviewers. Jenn Stewart moved that these courses be approved in a batch. Rick Dierenfeldt seconded the motion. Committee voted unanimously (12-0-0) to approve the following proposals: ART 2140 (HFA); ART 2150 (HFA); CPSC 3610 (HFA); ENCE 2220 (QR); HIST 2410 (HFA, IGC); HIST 2550 (BSS); HIST 2810 (HFA, IGC); HIST 2860 (HFA, IGC); MUS 3110 (HFA); SOCW 2050 (BSS); SOCW 2100 (BSS).

HIST 2460 History of the American South was discussed due to questions about student artifacts to be collected. Committee agreed to approve the course and ask department head for clarification on this matter after conferring with the instructor. Approved 12-0-0.

HIST 2620 Modern African History was discussed regarding outcomes and plan for student artifact collection. Rick Dierenfeldt moved to table the course; seconded by Trevor Elliott. Proposal will be returned to the History Department for revision and considered again in October. Committee approved 12-0-0.

GEOL 1025 Geology of the National Parks was problematic for reviewers the link to the alignment memo did not work for both of them. This proposal is tabled until the issue can be resolved. Committee voted 12-0-0.

HUM 3110 Musics of the World (IGC) will be withdrawn and resubmitted as MUS 3110 since Humanities has not offered this as a cross-listed course since 2010.

Student petitions (6) for September are in Canvas as a Discussion. We need comments on the threads in order to verify a quorum. A Canvas quiz will be posted for voting on these petitions before Friday, September 29.

## **General Education Committee Meeting**

**September 26, 2023**

Jenn Stewart recommended that proposal reviews be assigned a deadline of one week prior to the scheduled monthly Zoom meeting. (For example, Oct. 13, Complete reviews; Oct 20, Zoom meeting) In this way the committee will have time for an in-depth look at proposals that need attention and will be discussed at the Zoom meeting.

Information about the Gen Ed 14 recertification schedule has been sent to department heads. Even if approved for GE23 they will need to be recertified under the GE14 guidelines; however, an alignment memo can serve this purpose. Jenn has provided an example for ENGL 1010 to which they can refer. The committee can view these documents on our General Education Canvas site.

We discussed adding language to the Faculty Handbook about committee assignments that state that service on the General Education committee is a 3-year term and faculty should agree to this commitment due to the nature of the work. We will draft language, vote on it, and then send it to the Faculty Senate President Don Reising for consideration.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.

## MINUTES

### GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 17, 2023

3:00 PM

Zoom: <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/88478653583>

Members: Natalie Blanton; Edward Brudney; Rick Dierenfeldt; Eun Kim; Devori Kimbro; Natalie Owsley; Jenn Stewart; Talia Welsh; David Witt [Quorum]

Ex-Officio: Lauren Ingraham; Joel Wells; Erin Brown (student)

#### 1. **Vote on GE14 Proposals (34)**

- 24 proposals were approved by both readers: ANTH 1200; CLAS 1200; CLAS 3960; ENGL 1130; ENGL 1150; ENGL 2080r (LIT, TVB); ENGL 2510r; ENGL 2520; ENGL 3230; HIST 1110 (TVB, HU, NWC); HIST 1120 (HU, NWC); HIST 2010; HIST 2030; INTS 1110; MLG 1500 (VPA, 3 courses) PHYS 1040; PHYS 2310/L; SOC 1510. Rick Dierenfeldt moved to approve these as a batch, seconded by Jenn Stewart. Committee members voted unanimously to approve them, 10-0-0.

#### 2. These GE14 proposals were discussed related to questions of artifact collection: CRMJ 1110; CRMJ 2950; ENGL 2520; SOC 2150.

CRMJ 1110/2950 – Readers were inclined to approve; department head is heading up effort to create a reliable system of collecting student work across the various sections. In light of this, Jenn Stewart moved approval of the courses, seconded by David Witt. Committee approved these courses 10-0-0.

ENGL 2520 – Lack of student artifacts was again the issue, compounded by loss of archived student work in the Great Outlook Migration of 2021. Instructor collects hard copies of student work, but these are not saved electronically. Karen Babine will work with instructor to scan and submit student work. This proposal is tabled at present. We will revisit the application in the spring.

SOC 2150 – Questions regarding student artifacts are similar to issues in CRMJ courses. Jenn Stewart moved approval with friendly amendment to improve the artifact collection, seconded by David Witt. Committee approved 10-0-0.

Four courses had only one reader approval: ASTR 1010; BIOL 1120; GEOL 1025; GEOL 2250. Jenn Stewart cited the exemplary nature of the artifact collection by GEOL 1025 and moved approval of the two Geology courses. This was seconded by Rick Dierenfeldt. Committee approved 10-0-0. ASTR 1010 submitted a low number of artifacts and this must be improved. Rick Dierenfeldt moved approval of ASTR 1010 and BIOL 1120 proposals, seconded by Natalie Owsley. The members approved 10-0-0.

3. **GE23 Proposals (42):** Reader assignments have been made on the GE23 Spreadsheet (Canvas). A vote on these proposals is required before the December break in order to give the departments time to address any issues.
4. **December Meeting:** Reading Day, Tuesday, December 5. Doodle poll has been created to set the meeting time.
5. **November Student Petitions:** Six petitions have been uploaded to Canvas. Members were asked to review them and contribute to the Discussion thread by December 5 (Reading Day). Two students seek to graduate May 2024.
6. **Chair-elect needed:** Lee Harris cited the need for someone to serve as chair-elect this year to prepare for chairing the committee in 2024-25.

## AGENDA

### GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 5, 2023

10:00 AM

Zoom: <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/81099845592>

#### 1. **Vote on GE23 Proposals**

- 1 proposal has been denied by reviewers and will be sent back to the department for revision: DATA 1110.
- These proposals are approved by both readers:

CPSC 3610; ENGL 2020; ENGL 2130; FLNG 1010; FLNG 1010R; GER 1020; HIST 2440 (HFA, IGC); HIST 2450 (HFA); HIST 2460; HIST 2620 (HFA, IGC); MLNG 2000; MUS 1150; MUS 2130; PHIL 2010; PHIL 2270; PORT 1010; PORT 1020; PORT 2110 (HFA).

**We can vote to approve these as a batch.**

- The remaining proposals need discussion.

2. **January Meeting:** We will meet to consider proposals that have been revised for reconsideration. Doodle poll coming after the semester is underway.

3. **November Student Petitions:** Six petitions were uploaded to Canvas. Please review the Discussion thread and **vote on these petitions by December 8.**

4. **Honors Courses General Education Conversion Chart (Will Kuby)**

5. **Other Business**

## MINUTES

### GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

January 22, 2024

1:00 PM

Zoom: <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/83023831067>

**1. Vote on GE14 Proposals**

ENGL 1330; ENGL 2060r; ENGL 2070r; MATH 1010

**2. Discussion of MKT 2630 (BSS)** – Guest Dr. Christopher Plouffe. We tabled this course at our December meeting and agreed to meet with the proposal's author.

**3. December/January Student Petitions:** Eight petitions (two for December, six for January) are in their respective modules. Review the Discussion thread ASAP so we may vote on these petitions by January 29.

**4. Vote on UHON General Education Courses** (Will Kuby).

**5. Discuss possible procedural change in approval of new courses seeking General Education certification.** The Curriculum Committee has proposed a change in the approval sequence for new courses.

**6. Other Business**