

TCC General Education Committee 2020-2021 End-of-Year Report
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The General Education Committee (GEC) met monthly with faculty representation from each of the six core competencies (Critical Thinking, Civic Engagement, Professional Readiness, Quantitative Literacy, Scientific Literacy, Written Communication). Committee membership also included a transfer counselor, librarian, dean, adjunct, and academic affairs representative. Quorum was established at all meetings and the GEC governance website was updated after every meeting.

Below is an end-of-year update on the GEC's 2020-2021 charges.

1. Utilize instructional data to make recommendations regarding general education course usage.
 - **The Committee reviewed Mathematics and Natural Sciences General Education Transfer Electives. The GEC recommended that BIO 101-102, BIO 106; CHM 101, 102, 110, 111, 112, 121; ENV 121-122; GOL 105-106, GOL 110, GOL 111 -112; MTH 154, MTH 161, MTH 162 MTH 167, MTH 245, MTH 261, MTH 263, and MTH 264; NAS 125, NAS 130, NAS 131-132; PHY 100, PHY 201, PHY 241 and PHY 242 remain on the list of approved general education transfer elective courses.**
 - **GEC made a recommendation to add PLS 135 (US Government) as approved general education transfer elective courses. This course now replaces PLS 211 and is listed as a Passport course in the Transfer VA.**
 - **GEC recommended BIO 141-142 be de-listed as the courses were seen as too narrow in scope and too particular to training in certain fields, but this recommendation was over-ruled because the courses fulfill the general education requirements in a number of health professions programs.**
2. Recommend pathway strategies to improve student progression at 12 credit hours and 24 credit hours.
 - **The GEC suggested that a conversation be started within each Pathway concerning program-specific courses that occur in the first semester and how credit loss can be minimized for students if they change Pathway.**
 - **GEC discussed the initiatives of the Transfer VA (Passport courses and the Universal Certificate in General Studies) which address these progression benchmarks.**
3. Follow-up on recommendations made by the GEC in 2019-2020 regarding Humanities courses.
 - **During the review of ART courses during 2019-2020, faculty expressed interest to better align core competencies with their course learning outcomes and assignments. In the Fall semester of 2020, GEC reviewed the progress of this effort.**

Other Committee business:

Membership: Lara Tedrow will serve as chair for the 2020-2021 academic year, and Heather Fitzgerald will continue to serve as committee recorder.