

MINUTES

University Curriculum Committee for General Education

March 5, 2025

2:30 pm

Zoom: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/84229621673>

Present: Aaron Ansell (presiding), Angela Anderson, Stephen Biscotte, Dan Folescu, Aaron Goldstein, Mike Gordon, Molly Hall, Phil Olson, Annie Ronan, Nasim Schwab, Khanh Ngoc Tran, Vincent Wang, Travis Webster, Sparkle Williams

Absent with Notice: Kelly Cobourn, Marian Mollin

Absent: Corinne Guimont, Janet Hilder, Paul Deck, Modiu Olaguro, Emmanuel Benitez, Jason Malone

Guests: Jenni Gallagher, Meghan Madel, Rachel Pitcher, John Leech, Sara Arena, Daniel Schmitt, Robin Queen

A. Ansell called the meeting to order a 2:30. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of February 19, 2025.

A. Ansell noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Website: governance.vt.edu.

3. New Business

A. Full Course Proposal Reviews

The committee voted NOT to approve for BMES 2224: Cross Disciplinary Perspectives in Athletic Footwear for concepts 3 (Reasoning in the Social Sciences) and 7 (Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States).

Vote Count: 11 no, 2 abstentions

B. Study Abroad Course Proposal Review

MKT 3954: Business and Culture in Doha for concept 3 (Reasoning in the Social Sciences)

The committee is requesting additional information. They will re-review the proposal at the April meeting after receiving the information requested below:

- provide greater specificity on how students will be meeting each of the social sciences learning outcomes
- provide specific examples for each of the four social science learning outcomes

C. Pathways Decertifications

The following courses will be removed from Pathways entirely or for an adjustment in concept alignment effective Fall of 2025.

Removed from Pathways

ENGL 4114 Chaucer

SOC 2744 Black Food in the US

RLCL/ENGL 3024 Religion and Literature

RLCL 3224 Religion and Culture in China and Japan

RLCL 3414 Jesus in Earliest

RLCL 3424 Orthodoxy/Heresy in Early

RLCL/ARBC/IS 3644 Religion in the Middle East

HIST 2384 Gandhi in the Making of Modern

HIST 2524 History of Agriculture

HIST 3114 History of Capitalism

HIST 3564 The Cold War

Concepts removed but still in Pathways

ENGL 4164 Studies in Shakespeare - Concept 2 removed, 1a remains

ENGL 3144 Language and Ethnicity in the U.S. - Concept 3 removed, 1a remains

HIST 3144 American Environmental History - Concept 3 removed, 2 remains

HIST 4014 History Lab – Concept 7 removed, 6d remains

HIST 3714 War and Medicine - Concept 2 removed, 1a remains

D. Recertification Proposal

Due to time, the committee was unable to discuss or vote on whether to advance the recertification proposal to distribute it to their constituencies for feedback.

E. Student Survey Data

Due to time, this was not discussed.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Due to time, there were no subcommittee reports.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:44pm.

Minutes compiled by Meghan Madel