

## Core Review Committee meeting minutes

Meeting date: December 7, 2016

Meeting time: 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Meeting location: Chancellor's Conference Room

Meeting convener: Andy Seitz

Name	Present
Andy Seitz (chair)	X
Daryl Farmer	X
Alex Hirsch	
Kevin Sager	
Margaret Short	X
Larry Duffy	X
Kathy Arndt	X
Tony Rickard	X
Kevin Berry	X
Marsha Sousa	X
Caty Oehring	
Gabrielle Russell	X
Ginny Kinne	X
Hayley Williams	X
John Smelter	X
Victoria Smith	X

1. Approved meeting minutes from 9 November 2016
2. Petitions
  - a. Approved:
    - i. Petition to allow PSY F497 Clinical Psychology (a "Directed Study" version of PSY 455 Clinical Psychology that has been modified to meet W requirements) to fulfill the requirements of a "W" course. The course syllabus demonstrates that the course meets the "W" criteria.
    - ii. Blanket petition to allow BA F457 Training and Management Development to fulfill the requirements of a "O" course for all students that take the class in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017. The course syllabus clearly demonstrates that the course meets the "O" criteria.
    - iii. Petition to allow COMM F141X taken in 2009 with a grade of D+ to satisfy the oral communication requirement for the AA General Degree program. When the student took the course, a D+ grade satisfied the course requirement, so the petition was approved.

- b. Denied:
  - i. Petition to transfer SPE 210 Interpersonal Communication taken at Mendocino College as COMM F121X and count towards a GER communications requirement. After discussion, it was agreed that although the two courses have identical titles, SPE 210 is a theory based course while COMM F121X is a performance based course, and therefore are not equivalents.
  - ii. Petition to allow ALST S300 Alaska Studies count towards the UAF GER humanities requirement. The course does not meet the GER requirements as it is a 300 level course and is not a “broad survey” course.
  - iii. Petition to allow COMM F201 count towards the social science requirement for the AS degree. This is not an allowable substitution and sets a precedent that would effectively change the curriculum at UAF, which is not in the purview of the Core Review Committee. If there is interest in including this (or any UAF course) in the UAF core curriculum, a request should be submitted through a formal process that includes departmental and college curriculum committee review.
  - iv. Petition to waive the Library Science requirement. Core waivers are not in the purview of the Core Review Committee, and the student has and will have plenty of opportunity to complete a LS course, so the petition was denied.

### 3. GER Requests

- a. Approved:
  - i. Course change: BA F254 Personal Finance. Add the X designator as a GER course fulfilling a Social Science requirement. The course clearly meets the GER guidelines and BA has <5 GER courses, so the request was approved.
  - ii. Course change: BA F281 Sports Management. Change course title to Introduction to Sports Management and add the X designator as a GER course fulfilling a Social Science requirement. The course clearly meets the GER guidelines and BA has <5 GER courses, so the request was approved, contingent upon adding “(s)” after the course title to demonstrate that it meets a social science requirement for Bachelor of Arts degrees.
  - iii. Course change: ANS F111 History of Alaska Natives. Change title to History of Colonization in Alaska: the Indigenous Response, remove cross-listing with HIST F110, change frequency of offering, and add the X designator as a GER course fulfilling a Social Science requirement. The course clearly meets the GER guidelines and ANS has <5 GER courses, so the request was approved.
  - iv. Course drop: ENGL F313 Writing Nonfiction Prose. The course has not been offered in 5 years and there are no plans to offer it in the future as it has been replaced with ENGL F273 and then ENGL F373. There are no repercussions to any programs by dropping the course, so the request was approved.
- b. Informational discussion about English GER alignment requests. The committee agreed to conduct an email vote on:
  - i. Course change: ENGL F111X
  - ii. Course change: ENGL F211X
  - iii. Course change: ENGL F212X
  - iv. Course change: ENGL F213X
  - v. New course: WRTG F214X

#### 4. Discussion

- a. Counting regularly scheduled non-X UAF courses as satisfying GER requirements: As a result of the new GER at UAF, there is interest by advisors to petition to count regularly scheduled non-X UAF courses as satisfying GER requirements, specifically in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences categories. Approval of these potential petitions by the Core Review Committee causes concern by various faculty in other curriculum committees (Curriculum Review Committee and Curricular Affairs Committee) and staff (Office of Admissions and the Registrar) because of the potential ramifications of approving such petitions. The Core Review Committee agrees with this concern because approving such petitions essentially sets a precedent that would effectively change the curriculum at UAF, which is not in the purview of the Core Review Committee. Therefore, the Core Review Committee will deny these petitions in the future. If there is interest in having a non-X UAF course meet the UAF GER, a request for an X designator should be submitted through a formal process that includes review by departmental and college curriculum committees, as well as campus-wide curriculum committee(s).

## GER Course Approval Guide

### Adding a Course

1. Both new and currently existing courses may be proposed for a GER category.
2. Each program will be able to have 5 courses total across the GER arts, humanities, and social sciences categories.
3. Course descriptions must reflect how the course meets the category as defined by University regulations.
  - a. Social Sciences: "Courses that fulfill this requirement are **broad survey courses** which provide the student with exposure to theory, methods, and data of the social sciences."
  - b. Arts: "Provide the student with an **introduction** to the visual arts and performing arts **as academic disciplines** as opposed to those that emphasize acquisition of skills."
  - c. Humanities: "**Introduce** the student to the humanistic fields of language, arts, literature, history, and philosophy."
4. Courses must be 100 or 200 level.
5. Courses must be currently designated a social science (s) or a humanities (h) for the purpose of the BA degree.
6. Course must be introductory, as indicated by the lack of prerequisites (except ENGL 111x).
7. Course should welcome all students (e.g. should not discourage non-majors).
8. Course must be offered regularly as described in the catalog (at least once per year).
9. Course instructors must agree to participate in UAF GER assessment activities.
10. If a program already has 5 courses in the arts, humanities, and social sciences GERs the program must remove a course to add the new course.