

Annual Report: General Education Executive Committee

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Current General Education Executive Committee (GEEC) Membership (including changes in membership during the 2022-23 academic year)

Chair: Dustin Kidd, Director of General Education

Co-Chair: Patricia Moore-Martinez, Associate Director of General Education

Chet Pancake

Harvey R. Neptune

Gangadhar Andaluri

Kate E Benisek

Michael G. Hagen

Raymond F. Coughlin

Lori Shorr

Helen Shoemark

Asia Ng – Honors Student Representative

Duncan Knox – Graduate Student Representative

Macy Alexandra Trout – Temple Student Government Representative

Ex-officio

Caitlin Shanley, University Libraries

Heath F. Davis, Intellectual Heritage

Amanda Neuber, Honors

Rachael Groner, Analytical Reading and Writing

Steve Newman, EPPC

Melissa M Valdes, Advising

Keesa Bond, Advising

Lori Salem, Advising

Jon Nyquist stepped down as Director of General Education and Chair of the General Education Executive Committee (GEEC) on 12/31/22. On January 1, 2023, Dustin Kidd became Director of General Education and Chair of GEEC.

Structural changes to the committee (e.g., creation of new subcommittees)

There were a total of fifteen subcommittees formed throughout the year 2022-2023. Of the fifteen, four subcommittees reviewed award submissions for the Provost's Teaching Award for

Excellence in General Education, the Philadelphia Experience (PEX) Grit and Beauty Contest, and the fall and spring semester awards for Undergraduate Excellence in General Education. The remaining eleven subcommittees reviewed new course proposals. Of the eleven course proposals that were reviewed by subcommittees, four were revised and brought to GEEC for a vote. All four were approved by GEEC, resulting in three new courses added to the permanent inventory and one new Limited Edition.

Number and frequency of meetings

The General Education Executive Committee meets every two weeks throughout the fall and spring semesters. There were 12 meetings during AY 22 – 23.

Issues addressed by the committee & Decisions or actions taken on issues

- An in-depth review of General Education policies, practices and perceptions by the committee was incorporated into the self-study prepared by the GenEd staff. Key topics of discussion included the effect of RCM on the proliferation of GenEd courses across the university, the increase in offerings of General Education courses in an asynchronous modality, and the complexity of transfer credits.
- The submission and evaluation process for General Education recertification packages was updated to be less cumbersome and less costly.
- As the number of General Education courses at Temple Japan and Temple Rome increase, a decision was made to create a policy which systematizes the procedure for adding new TUJ and TUR sections in order to ensure consistency and collaboration across campuses.
- The policy on removing General Education courses from the inventory was updated. The new policy offers clearer language around the two reasons for removal of a course as well as a timeline for a removal. These policies can be found in the “Summary of procedures for (a) adding, (b) recertifying, and (c) removing courses in the GenEd inventory”. All GEEC policy documents are available in the GenEd Faculty Canvas Site.
- The Committee reviewed the results from the GenEd program’s 2022 direct assessment of student work in the following four competencies: Civic Engagement, Contextualized Learning, Quantitative Literacy, and Scientific Reasoning. The committee discussed the advantages of providing further training for instructors and graduate students teaching as Instructors of Record.
- A moratorium on new courses was established as of February 2023 in response to the discussion on the growth in the General Education inventory and the process of General Education reform recommended by an external review.

Name/contact info of chair for 2023-24 academic year. A committee chair should be elected before the end of the academic year.

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- Director of General Education