

Senate Report for the GenEd Executive Committee (GEEC)

April 2020

1. Current committee membership list including changes in membership during the 2019-2020 academic year

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Student Representatives

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

There are no permanent subcommittees, but ad-hoc subcommittees are continually formed and disbanded as needed. Topics dealt with by subcommittees vary widely. In the past year, these have included:

- Math 701 as a prerequisite for quantitative literacy
- Updating of language in Provost's Policy on GenEd
- Summary of best practices in GenEd resulting in a Course Coordinator's Guide
- Review of new proposals for Limited Edition GenEd classes
- Discussion of the need for separate approval of 7A/7B and other short-duration GenEd courses.

- Guidance for teaching GenEd classes online

3. Number and frequency of meetings

The full GEEC meets bi-weekly during the spring and fall semesters. Ad-hoc subcommittees meet as needed to examine various issues in depth (examples above). GEEC members are reviewers in the GenEd course recertification process, most of which occurs over the summer. GEEC members also frequently participate in GenEd assessment initiatives.

4. Issues addressed by the committee (details available in the meeting minutes)

- Creating of a new category of Limited Edition GenEd classes
- Review of data dashboards developed for GenEd
- Development of a [Course Coordinators Guide](#)
- Review of assessment initiatives such as
 - The quality on online vs. in-class GenEd instruction
 - Short duration (7A/7B) course format approvals
 - Development of rubrics for assessing whether course assignments align with GenEd learning objectives
- Improvements to the GenEd recertification process

5. Decisions or actions taken on issues

- Approved: Limited Edition GenEd Courses
- Approved: Several new GenEd courses, including new Limited Edition courses
- Approved: Any class that has not been taught for at least two years (two falls/two springs) should be removed from the inventory upon some type of warning/notice. (This has not yet been announced).
- Approved: Decision to reference SFF comments in recert feedback, but to raise issues found in SFF's with department chair separately.
- Approved: New online course review rubric
- Approved: New GenEd guidelines for teaching online GenEd in Summer I and II, and starting the fall semester of 2020. These include instructor training, review by GenEd online area coordinator, use of the GenEd online Canvas template and recommendations for instructor support (e.g. TA to help grade or run break-out sessions) when enrollment exceed 30 students.

6. Name/contact info of chair for 2012-21 academic year.

Jonathan Nyquist, 1-7484 (nyq@temple.edu), the Director of General Education, serves as chair of GEEC.