Mercer University

**University General Education Committee**

**Meeting Notes**

**20 February 2020**

**Atlanta Campus Swilley Library, Macon Campus Tift-Lee Boardroom,**

**Zoom:** [**Zoom link**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmercer.zoom.us%2Fj%2F429546612&amp;data=02%7C01%7CKOPP_A%40mercer.edu%7C43cf85ced5764c2c794808d7b3f2293c%7C4fb34d2889b247109bcc30824d17fc30%7C0%7C0%7C637175724960699605&amp;sdata=J41znoGM%2BHC7KbGdk4R4%2FJIkQz47pZBLI2kOtggdh%2F8%3D&amp;reserved=0)

**Committee Members Present**: Achim Kopp (CLA, co-chair), Colleen Stapleton (COPA, co-chair), Sharon Augustine (Tift), Jeffrey Hall (Tift), Linda A. Mason Barber (Nursing), Grace Lewis (Nursing), Wesley N. Barker (COPA), Gail Johnson (COPA), Renee Hayslett (Pharmacy), Candace Barnett (Pharmacy)

**Ex-Officio Members**: Marilyn Mindingall

**Agenda**

Meeting called to order at 2:04 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes from October 31, 2019 meeting.
   1. Motion to approve minutes and second noted.

Minutes approved.

1. Proposal Submissions
   1. College of Professional Advancement: Adding six courses to general education options – GLEN 301, LBST 302, LBST 303, LBST 305, POLS 100, SCLT 304 (Wesley Barker)
   2. Discussion and clarifications:
      * + Proposal to add six already existing general education courses to the general education options in COPA
        + GLEN 301 and LBST 305 would be added to the Behavioral/Social Science block
        + LBST 302, LBST 303, and SCLT 304 would be added to the Humanities block
        + All of these courses address the following competencies: critical thinking from diverse perspectives, communicating effectively orally, and communicating effectively in writing
        + Proposal to include the above courses in the designated blocks
        + Motion to approve – Gail Johnson; second –Colleen Stapleton
        + Unanimous approval
        + Proposal to include POLS 100 in Behavioral/Social Science block
        + Motion to approve – Linda Mason Barber; second Sharon Augustine
        + Unanimous approval
   3. Tift College of Education: Adding eight courses to general education options - COMM 370, GLEN 235, GLEN 245, HUMA 115, HUMA 215, RELG 320, RELG 356, INT 301; Delete one course – UNV 101 (Sharon Augustine)

* Proposal to add eight existing general education courses to the general education options in Tift College of Education and delete one course
* INT 301 – add this option to the residential Macon campus catalog to be consistent with RAC catalog; added to the written and oral communication block
* Delete UNV 101 – no effect on overall credit requirements
* Proposal to add INT 301 and remove UNV 101; include INT 301 in the written and oral communication block
* Motion to approve –Wesley Barker; second Renee Hayslett
* Unanimous approval
* Proposal to add additional courses to the following blocks to better align general education for Tift to what is offered by COPA: COMM 370 to written and oral communication block, GLEN 235 to Behavioral/Social Sciences block, GLEN 245 to Group 1 Humanities block, HUMA 115 & HUMA 215 to the Group 2 Humanities block, RELG 320 & RELG 356 to the Religion block
* Proposal to add these seven courses to the designated blocks
* Motion to approve – Gail Johnson; second Wesley Barker
* Unanimous approval
  1. Other Business
* Information Only – Wesley Barker provided update to committee on work toward subcommittee looking at University competency for Quantitative Reasoning. Representatives from various colleges on this subcommittee. Currently working on outcomes and will be bringing suggestions for amendment to competency language and SLOs to next UGEC meeting.
* UGEC will be reviewing results related to oral communication assessment and discuss how to put them into Compliance Assist at next meeting.
* Susan Malone to present some survey data at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. with motion by Achim Kopp. The next meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm, Thursday March 26, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Mason Barber