



**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA  
GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

Friday, November 7, 2022

**Present:** Melissa Berke, Denise Devney, Huai-Mei Furman, Sammi Kaiser, Cara Ortega, Tammi Owens, April Paschall, Jill Russell, Harvey Siy, Matt Tracy, LaReesa Wolfenbarger

**Guest:** Dr. Deb Smith-Howell, Senior Advisor to the Chancellor

**Discussion/Announcements:**

What feedback about our Gen Ed review/reform is the committee hearing?

- Some people are feeling uninformed
- Some think changes aren't happening quickly enough
- Some are feeling excited over the potential to reduce Gen Ed credits; theory for that could be that programs want to add more credits within their majors to take the place of former Gen Ed requirements; some programs do rely heavily on Gen Eds as prerequisites to their major courses though so we need to keep that in mind

Joint Services Transcript (JST)

- Joint Services Transcript (JST) - this military credit transcript combines Army, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard credit.
- Is the committee open to evaluating this credit for "generic" Gen Ed credit? (not as direct equivalencies/prerequisites, etc.) through the Transfer Equivalency System (TES) just like Matt Tracy does for other courses routed to him?
- Committee was receptive to this idea

In general, looking toward future changes in Gen Ed on UNO campus...

- Less credits
- Pathways
- AA Transfers (blanket?)
- Roadshow to spread word
- Phases

April shared how everyone at her alma mater knew what it meant to be a Doane graduate; thinking about that concept here, what it is that makes our students "uniquely Maverick" and how can Gen Ed play into that?

**Courses for Review:**

HONR 3030 Honors Colloquium-Social Sciences (3-Week Session Only: Comp. Urbanities-US and Norway; study away experience) (Asked to evaluate for not only approved Social Science but for Global Diversity as a one-time approval)

- Outcome: Not Approved for one-time Global Diversity

LLS 2800: Special Topics in Latino/Latin American Studies: Humanities (Humanities and Fine Arts and Global Diversity)

- This course is being deactivated

LLS 2900: Special Topics in Latino/Latin American Studies: Social Sciences (Global Diversity)

- This course is being deactivated

**Next Meeting:**

November 18, 2022 (Focus Group) 2 – 4 PM – this will be a bit different than our past focus groups (more of a conversation and less of a presentation) as this will be with the U.S. Diversity Faculty Scholars and most already know about the work we've been doing; several are members of the larger Gen Ed Committee