

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

**Friday October 20, 2023**

- 1) Guest Speaker – Phil He
  - Thanks to Committee members for their work/commitment to this heavy lift
  - Gen Ed is critically important and should effectively serve students of today and tomorrow
  - Gen Ed should be innovative for 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges/opportunities
  - Committee should also help to develop processes/practices related to general education to help NE transfer student come to UNO and seamlessly continue with degree plans – How can we best serve students to finish their degree
  
- 2) Committee position on transfer students being able to satisfy some/all general education requirements if they transfer a certain number of credit hours or a degree from another accredited institution
  - EPAC is seeking Gen Ed Committee input on a recently drafted policy proposal that states students seeking a second bachelors degree at UNO, who already have a bachelors degree from another accredited institution, would be considered to have fulfilled their general education requirements at UNO as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.
    - The Committee endorsed this draft EPAC policy proposal.
  
- 3) Committee engaged in additional discussion about Gen Ed requirements for transfer students with Associate of Arts degrees and those students with some college but no degree
  - a. Feedback from Advisors
    - what are the pain points on transfer credits
    - transfer student in the middle of their degree path – how are credits accepted
  - b. CFAM is in the process of developing a plan for UNK students on how to assist on them completing their degree (Distance Learning/Teach out for program)
  - c. Moving forward, the Committee will discuss potential policies/practices that can more effectively articulate general education credit for other groups of transfer students (e.g. AA and/or some college no degree)

**Courses for review**

**New Course:**

1. INST/LLS 1050: Introduction to Global Migrations, 3 credit hours (Global Diversity) – **Not approved for Gen Ed**

**Revised Course:**

2. BIOI 1000: Digital Health and Biological Systems – Existing Gen Ed course: title change and revision of General Education SLO's (Natural and Physical Science) - **Approved**

ENGL 1140: English Composition with Support (**Requesting Temporary Approval for Spring to Pilot**) – **Approved**

**Next Steps:**

Feedback from colleges about foundational elements of general education  
Additional conversation – Gen Ed credit and transfer students