

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Friday March 1, 2024 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – via zoom

Items for Discussion:

- 1. Update on HLC Gen Ed Assessment Seminar
- 2. Review Gen Ed 5 pie framework for gen ed (attached) AND compare with our original Model #1
 - 1. This also would constitute a common structure for each and every general education course
 - 1. Enduring or contemporary question
 - 2. Knowledge types
 - how prescriptive should we be? Are the knowledge types identified appropriate? If not, what should the knowledge types be?
 - 3.Intellectual capacities, abilities, modes of understanding (still very much in draft)
 - (1) Communication, (2) Digital, Data, and Information Literacy,
 (3) Quantitative Literacy, (4) Critical Thinking & Problem
 Solving (5) Intercultural Knowledge and Global Learning, (6)
 Agency, Community, and social Implications (7) Integrated and
 Applied Knowledge
 - Are these the right mix of skills? Should teamwork be included (this ranked highest on the 2020 AAC&U employer survey)? What about inquiry and analysis?
 - 2. Distinction between <u>critical thinking</u>, <u>problem solving</u>, and <u>inquiry and analysis</u>?
 - Can some of these skills be assessed using the existing <u>AAC&U integrative and applied rubric</u>
 - 3. Example mapping of skills in general education courses/knowledge areas
 - 4. Experiential component
 - 5. Signature assignment expected in each course
 - 1. Integrative and applied with deliberate reflection for students
 - 2. Assessed using AAC&U Integrative and Applied rubric
 - 2. Example course approval form

- 3. Gen Ed and upper division
 - 1. Should general education be deliberately integrated in the upper division?
 - 1. Could be traditional general education courses at 3000/4000
 - 2. Could be something similar to WID
- 4. What should we call Gen Ed...I don't think we should call it gen ed.
- 5. Does the committee support a distinctive prefix for gen ed courses? What should this be?