**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**General Education Committee Meeting 3rd Meeting/Academic Year 2024-2025  
Teams**

**Thursday, November 21, 2024**

**12:30p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Voting Members Present: Baker, S. (CEDU); Gonzalez, N. (Student Rep); Zhou, L. (CBUS); Takai, S. (CEET); Haupt, K. (Student Rep); Wilson, J. (CLAS); Devroye, A. (CVPA); Lowe, C. (CEDU-Advisor); Ezell, M. (CLAS); Saravanan, A. (CHHS); Arnold, S. (CLAS); Wells, O. (Student Rep); Delgado, T. (Student Representative)

Voting Members Absent: Wang, J.C. (CVPA),

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present: A. Schatteman (Vice Provost Academic Affairs); Gawron, I. (Curriculum Coordinator/Catalog Editor); Buhrow, A. (Assistant Vice Provost); Hirsch, A. (CITL).

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Guests: Moraga, R. (College of Engineering and Engineering Technology)

1. **Meeting Call to Order by Chair** - With a quorum present, Stephanie Baker, Chair, called the meeting to order.
2. **Adoption of Agenda** –
   1. Arnold motioned to approve the agenda. Devroye seconded.
   2. Devroye motioned to approve the consent agenda. Arnold seconded. With little discussion, the proposals were considered approved.

**Consent Agenda**

* [KNPE 305](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:752/form) – *Course Change*
* [KNPE 310](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:757/form) – *Course Change*
* [PHHE 335](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:781/form) *– Course Change*
* [ECON 260](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:108/form) – *Course Change*
* [ECON 261](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:109/form) – *Course Change*
* [MUHL 220](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:509/form) – *Course Change*
* [ENVS 200](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:158/form) *– Course Change*
* [ENVS 303](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:161/form) *– Course Change*

1. **Approval of Minutes** –
   1. Previous minutes were approved via email.
2. **Announcements**
3. **DISCUSSION AGENDA –**

Devroye motioned to approve the discussion agenda. Zhou seconded. Voting was handled by college except UEET 120, which was the only proposal from CEET.

1. **College of Business**– *No Curricular Items*
2. **College of Education –** *No Curricular Items*
3. **College of Engineering***–*

* [UEET 120](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:769/form) – *Course Change* – *Creativity and Critical Analysis*

Discussion primarily included: Baker, Moraga, Gawron, Devroye. Discussion topics primarily focused on how this is a new course created last year and how the general education request, plus the other changes to course/programs to fit UEET 120 should benefit their students. **All voted in favor of the proposal**.

1. **College of Health and Human Sciences –**

Devroye motioned to approve the CHHS proposals. Zhou seconded. **All voted in favor of the proposals**.

* [NUTR 200A](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:394/form) – *Course Chang*e - *Nature and Technology*

Discussion primarily included: Baker, Buhrow, Gawron. Discussion primarily included: how this proposal did not indicate a specific student learning outcomes related to general education, while other proposals do. It was recommended to update the forms to have better guidance for originators of proposals to ensure all general education components are listed, etc.

* [NUTR 201](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:424/form) – *Course Change* - *Nature and Technology*

Little discussion occurred on this proposal. The rationale and content areas of the courses (201 and 200A) appear similar to each other. These courses were discussed together.

* [HDFS 174](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:360/form) – *New Course* - *Creativity and Cultural Analysis*

Little discussion occurred on this proposal.

* [NUTR 305](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:789/form) *– New Course – Society and Culture*

Discussion primarily included: Baker, Wilson, Ezell, Gawron, Schatteman. Discussion primarily included: If the course has potential duplication issues and if the general education rationale was sufficient. For duplication, given the course still would have to go to the Baccalaureate Council for approval, checks will be made for potential duplication concerns and additional context was given to the rationale and how College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has their own forms for courses.

1. **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences** –

Devroye motioned to approve the CLAS proposals. Zhou seconded. After discussing the proposals, the motion was amended to exclude BIOS 108 over rationale concerns. **All voted in favor of STAT 107.**

* [STAT 107](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:249/form) *– New Course - Foundational Studies – Quantitative Literacy*

Little discussion occurred on this proposal.

* [BIOS 108](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:932/form) *– Course Change – Nature and Technology*

Discussion primarily included: Baker, Ezell, Wilson, Schatteman. Discussion primarily included: How the rationale was vague and primarily focused on other potentially unrelated courses instead of stating the case on why BIOS 108 should have general education designation. With this, it was decided to table the proposal and go back to the department/college for an updated rationale.

1. **College of Visual and Performing Arts***–*

Devroye motioned to approve the CVPA proposals. Zhou seconded. Considerable discussion occurred on the MUHL proposals and they were generally discussed together. Because of this, the discussion information is listed here. Discussion included: Baker, Devroye, Schatteman, Buhrow, Ezell, Zhou. Discussion primarily included: the rationale and how the goal was to both streamline the prerequisites to benefit students within the major, while also opening up options for students outside of the major. There were general discussions on “cross-listing” and if ANTH was made aware of the changes to MUHL 427. Additional discussion occurred on Graduate School initiatives on course (re)numbering to help ensure undergraduate/graduate equivalent courses were mostly aligned on the 400/500-level. **All voted in favor of the proposals.**

* [MUHL 321](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:688/form) – *Course Change* - *Creativity and Critical Analysis*
* [MUHL 427](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:406/form) – *Course Change* - *Society and Culture*

Approval of MUHL 427 led to the removal of ANTH 327 crosslisting.

* [MUHL 224](https://niu.curriculog.com/proposal:382/form) *– New Course – Creativity and Critical Analysis*

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

* **General Education Rubric Refresh Project**

Buhrow led the discussion. Discussion included: Buhrow, Schatteman, Baker, Lowe, Zhou, Devroye. Discussion topics included: Coordination efforts and references to coordination documents; emphasizing the importance of the work and how faculty need to lead this change since these are meant to be tools to help faculty related to general education courses/assessments; additional updates/progress will be reported at future GEC meetings.

1. **NEW BUSINESS –**
2. **ADJOURNMENT** –

Zhou motioned to adjourn. Gonzalez seconded. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 pm.