# General Education Committee Minutes, 3/29/17

## Call to Order / Roll Call

Members present: L. Ametsbichler, S. Bradford, B. Clough, B. Durnell, K. Graham, P. Muench, J. Randall, G. Peters, T. Wheeler, G. Weix

Ex-officio members present: B. French, J. Hickman, N. Lindsay

Members Absent/Excused: C. Greenfield, T. Ravas, L. Yung

The minutes from 3/8/17 were approved.

## Communication

* ASCRC considered the Pharm D issue and agreed that the professional program is not required to complete UM’s general education program. Its accrediting agency requires general education learning outcomes be embedded into the curriculum.
* Late forms were received to transition Spanish to 4 credits.
* Associate Provost Lindsay asked when to schedule a meeting with the Accreditation Team visitors coming on May 1st. Early afternoon sounds promising.

## Business Items

* Course Review. The Committee approved the Spanish Courses to be forwarded to ASCRC for consideration. Follow-up is still pending for the ANTY 326 and HSTR 272 appeal. Additional information regarding BIOH 108 will be submitted soon. The following courses were approved.

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| Course number | Title | General Education Group |
| PHSX 102 | Physics in Movies | Science |
| ANTY 220 | Culture & Society | Social Science |
| LSH 328 | Gender and Sexuality in Indian Cinema | Literary and Artistic Studies |

* Subcommittee Chairs should take a look at the final rolling review report to ensure it is accurate. Professional Muench had several updates for the Ethics review. Expressive Arts was completed last fall. Chair Bradford will take a closer look at Social Science.
* The Committee approved revised language to clarify the Modern and Classical Language requirement. The language is appended.
* After discussion, the proposal to eliminate symbolic systems was approved to move on to ASCRC with the addition of an exception from language courses for Missoula College. The change needed to catalog language was also considered. Registrar Hickman clarified that the catalog will look completely different next fall due to the implementation of *CoursLeaf*. This will make degree works obsolete as well.
* Associate Provost Lindsay indicated that there is discussion about consistency at the system level regarding the issue of whether or not students from two-year colleges associated with four-year colleges within the system should be considered transfer students. OCHE is expected to be providing some guidance on the issue in the near future.
* Chair Bradford would like feedback on the revised assessment proposal. A listening session is scheduled on April 7th from 1:00-3:00 in DHC 119. She is available Friday (3/31) to discuss planning the event and will send an email to follow-up on a specific meeting time.
* Professor Randall was nominated and approved as next year’s Chair.

## Good and Welfare

* Professor Weix will be scanning an article about General Education to send to members.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**Group III: Modern and Classical Language**

The study of foreign language is a core component of a liberal arts education. Students must complete the first-year sequence of a language or demonstrate comparable proficiency to fulfill the General Education language requirement (test-out provisions apply).

The language requirement can be met in any of the following ways:

1. by achieving a C- or better in a second-semester language course offered at the University of Montana (see list of courses below);~~\*~~
2. by achieving a grade of C- or above in a language course numbered 201 or above at the University of Montana (see list of courses below);
3. by presenting a transcript record of completion with a grade of C- or better of a second- semester (or more advanced) language course at an accredited college or university;
4. by achieving an appropriate score on a placement exam administered by the offering department;
5. by receiving verification of an appropriate level of proficiency in any other natural language in collaboration with the department of Modern and Classical Languages and  Literatures. Note that the student’s native language, if it is not English, can be used to fulfill this requirement.

~~\* Three 3-credit courses of Irish are required to fulfill the general education requirement.~~

Upon completion of the Modern and Classical Languages requirement, the student will have a basic functional knowledge of a second natural language sufficient to:

* read and write, if the language is classical, such as Latin or classical Greek;
* speak and aurally comprehend, if the language does not have a written tradition, such as Salish;
* perform all four skills (speaking, aural comprehension, reading, and writing) if the language is modern and has a written tradition, such as Japanese or French;
* demonstrate both receptive (visual comprehension) and expressive (manual production) proficiency if the language is American Sign Language.

The courses listed below require prerequisites be met before registration. The prerequisites for the following courses are listed in the individual course descriptions.

[Table of courses]