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## Undergraduate Council Minutes of Evote January 15, 2020

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**The University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Undergraduate Council  
Minutes of the Evote  
January 15, 2020**

**Voting Members participating in the evote:** Chair Anthony Welch, Past Chair Robert Mindrup, Ken Baker, Mark Barker, John Bell, Richard Bennett, Alison Buchan, Jamie Coble, Erin Darby, Kim Denton, Joanne Devlin, Lindsay Mahony, Harrison Meadows, Christine Nattrass, Charlie Parker, Phillip Stokes, Kathleen Thompson, Amanda Warren, Erin Whiteside, Emma Willcox, and Angela Wozencroft

In order to expedite the approval of Volunteer Core course proposals, the Undergraduate Council conducted an evote to approve items in the minutes of the most recent meeting of the General Education Committee. Those items are included as an attachment to these minutes.

A quorum of the voting members took part in the evote, with 21 members casting a vote to approve all proposals and no one voting against any item.

### **Reports**

#### **General Education Committee, Minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2019**

- Fifty-three courses were approved, as noted in the attachment.
  - 1 course was approved only for the current general education curriculum, effective fall 2021.
  - 8 courses were approved for both the current general education curriculum, effective fall 2020, and for the Vol Core effective fall 2021
  - 44 courses for Vol Core only, effective fall 2021

**Next regularly scheduled meeting:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 3:40 pm in the Frieson Black Cultural Center Multipurpose Room.

**Approval of minutes:** These minutes were certified correct via email on January 17, 2020.

**Minutes submitted by:** Molly Sullivan

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**The University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
General Education Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
December 4, 2019**

**Call to order:** A regular meeting of the General Education Committee was held in Room 270 of the Student Union on December 4, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Barbara Murphy, Committee Chair, at 8:31 am.

**Members and Subcommittee Chairs present:** Barbara Murphy, Chair, Ken Baker, Richard Bennett, Megan Bryson, Sarah Burnley, Chuck Collins, Erin Darby, Kim Denton, George Drinnon, Betsy Gullett, Ozlem Kilic (by proxy Margie Russell), Cheryl Kojima, Joanne Logan, Harrison Meadows, Missy Parker, Charissa Powell, Jeff Ringer, Casey Sams, and Amanda Warren (by proxy Ken Baker)

**Others present:** Mary Beth Burlison, Ryan Carter, K'Cindra Cavin, Alison Connor, R.J. Hinde, Jana Spitzer, Molly Sullivan, Jillian Vogel, and Anthony Welch

**The following 53 courses were approved: of those, 52 were approved for Vol Core (effective fall 2021), eight were approved under both the current general education curriculum and Vol Core, (effective fall 2020), and one was approved for only the current curriculum (effective fall 2020), as noted below:**

Abbreviations:

- RA = Reapproval, already in the current general education curriculum, approved for Vol Core
- NGE = New to Gen Ed, but not new course; approved as noted
- NC = New course, approved as noted

Written Communication (WC)

1. ANTH 321 - Anthropology of South Asia (NGE, approved for both the current general education curriculum and Vol Core)
2. ANTH 423 - Anthropology of Gender (NGE, approved for both the current general education curriculum and Vol Core)
3. CLASS 299 - Research Practicum in Classics (RA)
4. EEB 305 – Evolution and Society (RA)
5. EEB 415 - Field Ecology (NGE, approved for Vol Core only)
6. EEB 433 - Plant Ecology (NGE, approved for Vol Core only)
7. EEB 451 - Research Ethics (RA)
8. ENGL 247 - Honors: Introduction to Poetry (RA)
9. ENGL 251 - Introduction to Poetry (RA)
10. ENGL 355 - Rhetoric and Writing (RA)
11. ENGL 357 - Honors: Rhetoric and Writing (RA)
12. ENGL 376 - Colloquium in Literature (RA)
13. HIST 499 - Senior Research Seminar (RA)
14. +MEDU 432 - Knowledge and Learning in Mathematics and Science (RA, primary/cross-listed with SCED 432)
15. MLSL 303 - Leadership in Military History (RA)
16. MSE 304 - Principles of Materials Laboratory II (RA)
17. REST 479 - Seminar in East Asian Religions (RA)
18. RUSS 221 - Rebels, Dreamers, and Fools: The Outcast in 19th Century Russian Literature (RA)
19. RUSS 222 - Heaven or Hell: Utopias and Dystopias in 20th-Century Russian Literature (RA)
20. RUSS 321 - Anton Chekhov: Russia's Bridge to the 20th Century (RA)
21. RUSS 322 - Dostoevsky, Terror, and Pan-Slavic Utopia (RA)
22. RUSS 421 - Philosophy Through Art: Leo Tolstoy's Explanations of Life's Meaning (RA)

23. +SCED 432 - Knowledge and Learning in Mathematics and Science (RA, secondary/cross-listed with MEDU 432)
  24. \*UNHO 238 - Honors: Special Topics in Global Citizenship: US Focus (NC, approved for Vol Core only)
  25. \*UNHO 258 - Honors: Honors: Special Topics in the Arts and Humanities (RA)
  26. \*UNHO 268 - Honors: Special Topics in Social Sciences (RA)
  27. \*UNHO 278 - Honors: Special Topics in Culture and Civilizations (RA)
- \*Note: special topics courses can receive approval; however, each new topic must be reviewed and approved, as well, to ensure each specific topic meets the Vol Core standard for the course.

#### Applied Oral Communication (AOC)

1. EF 438 - Honors: Interdisciplinary Senior Design II (NGE, approved for Vol Core only)

#### Applied Arts and Humanities (AAH)

1. THEA 325 - Fundamentals of Musical Theatre (NGE, approved for Vol Core only)

#### Natural Sciences (NS)

1. BIOL 101 - Introduction to Biology: Cells, Genetics and Physiology (RA)
2. BIOL 102 - Introduction to Biology: Biodiversity and Ecology (RA)
3. BIOL 105 - Parasites, Pathogens, and Pandemics: Infectious Disease and Society (non-lab) (RA)
4. BIOL 106 - The Living City (non-lab) (RA)
5. BIOL 150 - Organismal and Ecological Biology (non-lab) (RA)
6. BIOL 159 - Skills of Biological Investigation (RA)
7. BIOL 160 - Cellular and Molecular Biology (Non-lab) (RA)
8. BIOL 168 – Honors: Cellular and Molecular Biology (non-lab) (RA)
9. GEOL 100 - Earth, Environment, and People (non-lab) (NC, approved for both the current general education curriculum and Vol Core)
10. GEOL 210 - Live, the Universe, and Everything (NC, approved for the current general education curriculum only)

#### Social Sciences (SS)

1. ANTH 120 - Prehistoric Anthropology (NGE, approved for both the current general education curriculum and Vol Core)
2. ANTH 127 - Honors: Prehistoric Anthropology (NGE, approved for both the current general education curriculum and Vol Core)
3. AREC 201 - Economics of the Global Food and Fiber System (RA)
4. AREC 270 - Economic Perspectives on Natural Resource and Environmental Issues (RA)
5. CFS 210 - Human Development (RA)
6. CFS 220 - Marriage and Family: Roles and Relationships (RA)
7. EDPY 210 - Psychoeducational Issues in Human Development (RA)
8. HSP 257 - Power (RA)
9. SOCI 110 - Social Problems and Social Justice (RA)
10. SOCI 120 - Introduction to Sociology (RA)
11. SOCI 127 - Honors: Introduction to Sociology (RA)
12. SOCI 350 - Criminology (NGE, approved for both the current general education curriculum and Vol Core)
13. SOCI 353 - Criminal Justice (NGE, approved for both the current general education curriculum and Vol Core)
14. SOCI 453 - Gender and Crime (NGE, approved for both the current general education curriculum and Vol Core)

#### Other Business (informational only):

- Some rubrics are missing and need to be submitted to the General Education Committee Chair as soon as possible.

- Workshops regarding the Vol Core will be hosted by Teaching and Learning Innovations during the spring 2020 term. The schedule and the RSVP form are listed on their website at <https://teaching.utk.edu/volcorelunch/>.
- R. J. Hinde recently gave a presentation at Pellissippi State Community College to explain the Vol Core and how it would impact students transferring from Pellissippi to UTK.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 am.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 15, 2020, beginning at 8:30 am in Room 270 of the Student Union.

**Approval of Minutes:** These minutes were approved via email on December 11, 2019.

**Minutes Submitted by:** Molly Sullivan