

MINUTES

General Education Committee

January 11, 2022

10:30 AM – noon via zoom.

Members present:

Stephen Contakes (Professor of Chemistry), Michelle Hardley (Registrar), Steve Hodson (Professor of Music), Jana Mayfield Mullen (Director of the Westmont Library), Tatiana Nazarenko (Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness), Greg Spencer (Professor of Communication Studies)

Agenda Items:

I. Prayer – Michelle Hardley

II. Approve the Minutes of December 7th, 2021

The meeting minutes were approved.

III. Discussion of updates to the JRD category language in the JRD proposal based on trustee feedback

Stephen Contakes informed the committee about additional feedback he received on the proposal when he met with acting Provost Rick Ifland on December 15, 2021.

The committee considered a revised draft of the proposal that addresses the points raised in the GE memo. This involved looking at the new category, now proposed as Biblical and Theological Foundations of Justice, Reconciliation, and Diversity (BTFJRD). The committee examined the proposed framing language, interpretive statement, and certification criteria. Numerous changes to these areas of the document were made in an effort to streamline the language while retaining the desired emphasis on the governing role of biblical and theological commitments. Stephen Contakes compiled these changes into a single document which will be sent to the committee for more detailed edits and comments that should be returned to him by the evening of Sunday, January 17. Those individual changes will then be merged into consensus language that will be considered over email prior to the next committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

[Stephen Contakes](#)