

# **GE Committee Minutes**

*March 31, 2021*

- I. **Prayer—Nathan (Shelter and Shadow)**
- II. **Approve the Minutes of March 3**
  - A. Minutes are approved
- III. **GE JRD—need training and resources**
  - A. Chair will write letter to the Provost’s Office to support the faculty and departments who are asking for help in syllabus construction
  - B. Since JRD has a focus on developing a Biblical framework, many faculty would benefit from a seminar or workshop that reviews this content,
- IV. **Serving Society Discussion**
  - A. Reviewed faculty thoughts from a range of different faculty. Considered four existing options. Some expressed that they thought the four options could use more development. Another idea that emerged was adding a menu of high-impact practices for students to choose from. There are also implications for Compassionate Action if SS is removed from the GE.
  - B. Moving forward we agreed that we need more data and time to develop more robust options. Considered a range of ways to collect this data including hosting informal student focus groups, bringing together a “think tank” of faculty, book groups on service learning, civic engagement, and civic education, and faculty forum discussions.
    1. Decided to move forward with assembling a minimum of two fall book groups that would then present to faculty forum in early November.
    2. Rachel will ask provost’s office for money for groups; ask Eileen for forum spot in early November; Tatiana will look at books for summer
- V. **GE final meeting**
  - A. We will meet in person at Rachel’s house.