

MINUTES

**General Education Committee**

April 5, 2022

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Members present:

Stephen Contakes (Professor of Chemistry), Tara Sturges (Assistant Registrar), Steve Hodson (Professor of Music), Jana Mayfield Mullen (Director of the Westmont Library), , Greg Spencer (Professor of Communication Studies)

Members absent:

Tatiana Nazarenko (Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness)

Agenda Items:

I. Prayer – Stephen Contakes

II. Approve the Minutes of March 22<sup>nd</sup>

The meeting minutes were approved after a minor wording update.

III. Course approvals

No courses to review or approve.

IV. Discussion of potential faculty to serve on the GE Committee for the 2022-2023 academic year

Stephen Contakes noted and will send an email to Deborah Dunn with the potential individuals to serve as replacements on next year's committee.

V. Report on progress towards revising the *Biblical and Theological Foundations of Justice, Reconciliation, and Diversity* proposal.

The committee agreed to postpone this discussion until hearing back from Rick Ifland concerning feedback from the Trustees.

VI. Serving Society discussion with Rick Ostrander (11:20 AM)

Rick Ostrander attended a portion of the meeting for an initial conversation about how the Santa Barbara property might be utilized in association with the proposed changes to the Serving Society/Compassionate Action requirement. Student survey results concerning this requirement from 2020 were reviewed. Rick suggested forming a workgroup to interface with

the future committee members with a plan to prepare a proposal to Dr. Beebe to form a center funded by donors and focused on providing significant local opportunities for service.

Action items:

- Proposal to Dr. Beebe - To be prepared by Rick Ostrander
- Next GE Committee meeting: Talk about the workgroup for interfacing with the future GE committee

VI. Other business

None

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sturges