TCC General Education Committee 2021-2022 End-of-Year Report May 2022

Submitted by Lara Tedrow, Chair of GEC

The General Education Committee (GEC) met monthly with faculty representation from each of the six core competencies (Critical Thinking, Civic Engagement, Professional Readiness, Quantitative Literacy, Scientific Literacy, Written Communication). Committee membership also included a transfer counselor, librarian, dean, adjunct, and academic affairs representative. Quorum was established at all but one meeting and the GEC governance website was updated after every meeting.

Below is an end-of-year update on the GEC's 2021-2022 charges.

- 1. Conduct review of courses in Social Sciences and make recommendations for continuance as general education transfer electives for the College.
 - The Committee reviewed Social Sciences General Education courses and approved transfer electives. The GEC recommendations were as follows:

November 2021-SSC 210, PLS 136, and PLS 241 remain as both general education courses and approved transfer electives.

December 2021-SOC 200, SOC 211 and SOC 268 remain as both general education courses and approved transfer electives. SOC 266 remain as an approved transfer elective.

January 2022- ECO 201 and ECO 202 remain as both general education courses and approved transfer electives. ECO 210 remain as an approved transfer elective.

February 2022- HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, HIS 112, HIS 121, and HIS 122 remain as both general education courses and approved transfer electives. ECO 150 approved as a general education course.

March 2022- PSY 200 remain as both general education course and approved transfer elective.

April 2022- (via virtual vote) Regarding PSY courses (215, 216, 230, 231, 232) the GEC expressed that course transferability as general education is a concern. However, these courses are required for TCC program(s). As such, the GEC does not feel it is within our purview to make a recommendation for the designation of these courses. The GEC has reviewed these courses, and the only concern is transferability. The GEC would like to share this feedback with Administrators and Deans so they can consider how these courses should remain listed. PSY 235 be removed from the general education courses list (only transfers as gen ed to ODU), but remain an approved transfer elective. This course does not appear to be a requirement for any TCC program.

- 2. Utilize institutional data to make recommendations regarding general education course usage.
 - The Committee recognized Transfer Virginia's on-going implementation and that these courses will need to be reviewed on a schedule.

- 3. Vet new classes that are part of Transfer VA on a rolling basis.
 - The Committee established a process for review of UCGS courses that will be new/revised for implementation at TCC. Deans are deciding how to best accommodate the GEC's process for course review.

Membership: Lara Tedrow will serve as chair for the 2022-2023 academic year, and Heather Fitzgerald will continue to serve as committee recorder. Vacancies are reported for: Scientific Literacy, Quantitative Literacy and Adjuncts.