

# Colonnade General Education Curriculum Committee (CGEC) Report from December 5, 2023 Meeting

**Voting Members Present:** Stacey Forsythe, Cortney Basham, Mohsen Aram, Phillip Gunter, Kai Liang, Leslie Plumlee, Alex Olson, Todd Seguin

**Guests:** Jessica Dorris, Stuart Burris, Merrall Price, Katie Bush, Toni Dye

**Ex-Officio:** Molly Dunkum and Jennifer Hanley

Called to order at 3:45pm

## Approval of Minutes:

**November 7, 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:** Olson/Basham - **Vote:** Approved (7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain)

## Action Item:

1. [Policy Revision for International Experience](#): **Motion to approve – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:** Olson/Seguin
  - a. Forsythe gave an introduction of the visitors, Bush and Dye, from the Global Learning & International Affairs (GLIA) office, to answer any questions from a study abroad perspective. Price then explained the reasoning behind some of the tracked changes in the document. The changes were made after colleagues from Ogden sent in comments, concerns, and questions about the policy. Price also pointed out that there are so few study abroad (SAB) courses in the International Experience (IE) category likely because of the long process to get courses approved; many study abroad courses are one-offs and that could deter faculty from putting them through the curriculum process. Approval of this policy would automatically put study abroad courses into the IE category with a few caveats:
    - i. The course must be a WKU Faculty-Led study abroad course.
    - ii. For a student to receive credit for the course in the IE category, they must be eligible for Connections courses.
    - iii. Faculty must demonstrate how their course meets the Colonnade Learning Outcomes (CLOs) as part of the Faculty-Led Program proposal process.
  - b. There was discussion from the committee about changing some wording on the policy to be clearer about the policy and the fact that faculty who choose to allow their SAB courses to count for the IE must collect an artifact that measures the CLOs of the IE category. The CGEC will work with the GLIA office to add this process to the Faculty-Led Program proposal process for SAB programs.
  - c. Hanley posed some questions about a) if these courses will be open to all students (general education), b) who is responsible for assessing the artifacts for these courses, c) who is collecting assessments, and d) if these IE courses face the same repercussions for not collecting artifacts/addressing CLOS (removed from colonnade).
    - i. After discussion, the consensus was that a) during the proposal process with GLIA, if a course is not open to all students, it will not be allowed in the IE category; b and c) similar to other colonnade courses, the faculty is responsible for uploading all artifacts in the same way and assessment will happen in the same way that other colonnade courses are assessed; d) if a course does not collect the artifacts, then the process will be the same as

other colonnade courses: the course will not count in colonnade moving forward.

**Vote: Approved** (8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

**New Business: none**

**Adjourn – 4:37pm 1st/2nd:** Olson/Plumlee

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Colonnade Recorder