

Undergraduate Council E-Vote Summary Report – November 21, 2019

Submitted by Anthony Welch, Chair

The Undergraduate Council held an electronic vote on November 19-21, 2019, to approve the minutes of General Education Committee meetings held on October 9 and November 13, 2019.

We took this step in order to expedite the review process for Volunteer Core course proposals. The General Education Committee has been meeting monthly to review the large volume of Vol Core proposals as quickly as possible. However, the Undergraduate Council will not meet again until January 28, 2020. In consultation with the Faculty Senate leadership, we arranged for the Undergraduate Council and the Faculty Senate Executive Council to conduct our review of Vol Core course proposals by e-vote from time to time in order to bridge the long gaps in the traditional approval calendar.

Academic Policy: No report.

Advising: No report.

Appeals: No report.

Associate Deans: No report.

Curriculum: No report.

General Education:

(October 15) – The committee proposed the approval of 22 courses for the Volunteer Core curriculum, effective Fall 2021, in the WC, AH, GCI, and EI categories. Five of those courses were also recommended for inclusion in the current General Education curriculum, effective Fall 2020. In addition, a procedure for reviewing transfer courses in the EI category was presented: a student who transfers in a course that is deemed equivalent to a non-EI UTK course may petition the course for the EI requirement if the student can document that the course was taught in a way that conforms to the EI learning outcomes. The Undergraduate Council approved all these proposals. Informational (non-voting) items included discussion of technical matters related to the online database of course proposals, proposal forms and guidelines, and Vol Core policies for repeatable courses.

(November 9) – The committee presented 70 course proposals for inclusion in Vol Core, effective Fall 2021, in the following categories: WC, OC, AH, GCI, AAH, SS, and EI. Of those courses, seven were also considered for inclusion in the current General Education curriculum, effective Fall 2020. The Undergraduate Council approved all the proposed courses. The General Education Committee also discussed informational items related to course proposal forms and rubrics.