



General Undergraduate Requirements Committee

April 20, 2022 at 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Theodorea Berry called the General Undergraduate Requirement Committee (GURC) to order at **11:01 AM**.

The following committee members attended the meeting:

Christa Diercksen, Theodorea Berry, Stephanie Krick, Roberto Burget, Amy Thomas, Katy Miller, Brigette Kovacevich, Chrissy Cruz, Kersten Schroeder, Elena Flitsyan, Vance Geiger, Wayne Bowen, Laurie Pinkert, Brian Boyd.

The **February 16, 2022** meeting minutes were approved.

Last meeting of the year:

- GURC members have a 2-year commitment.
 - You would need to go through your college process if you would like to continue the committee.
- Any member updates should be sent to Christa Diercksen, Wayne Bowen, Dr. Berry and/or Brittany Iglesias so that Brittany has a current list of members for communication purposes.

Gordon Rule. (Laurie Pinkert):

- Website link to inactive page:
<https://undergrad.ucf.edu/gordon-rule-course-application/>
 - The Writing Across the Curriculum Track is to be presented at the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning conference this Summer in which the culture of writing at UCF and what the Center for Writing Excellence can do to support WAC will be discussed.

- The goal of the WAC track is to develop programs, initiatives and possibly pilot projects for the 2022/23 year which might be brought to this committee for review.
- Some of the things to be considered that are related to Gordon Rule at UCF and beyond is how we are fitting the Gordon Rule state expectations and the flexibility of how Gordon Rule is defined at UCF. In addition, we will be thinking about the support needed for students and faculty.
- During the conference we'll be looking at what other institutions are doing and what UCF is doing to be able to develop ideas.
- The goal is for students to succeed throughout their university career and beyond.
- Responses to Questions and/or Comments
 - Invited to return to report back on how the track went and share how to possibly improve the process.
 - The committee does not receive the justification for a course to be Gordon Rule. It would be very helpful in the approval process to have this.

GEP Digital Badging. (Wayne Bowen, Brian Boyd):

- A requirement has been passed by the state legislature to award digital badges for courses completed within the GEP. The requirement will be initiated with written communication this Fall 2022.
- The student should earn a C or better in ENC 1102 to qualify for the digital badge which will be recorded on the student's transcript.
- There are five additional areas in which the state will be requiring digital badges in the future.
- Registrar is also implementing digital credentials like diplomas which students can post on their social media through a company called Parchment.
- There are two data formats to transmit data back and forth which are FASTER and SPEEDY.
- Responses to Questions and/or Comments
 - ENC 1101 was a decision made at the state level (SCS/SUS).
 - Faculty does not have to do anything different.
 - The purpose is to have a way to present their skills to prospective employers.

GEP Refresh Update – Wayne Bowen:

- The major efforts of the GEP team have been assessment and faculty development.
- The current assessment model is being reviewed, and it is being considered to increase the scale from 3 to 5. Also, a new quiz tool has been developed that will connect the faculties' assessments to their courses without having to individually input their results.
- The GEP program has a track at the Summer Conference which will have representatives from each of the foundation areas to refine and develop new assessments that will result in new tools for faculty to use in their courses and which will gather data during a 2-year collection period. The data will feed into the university assessment and into the accreditation cycle.

Meeting Adjourns at 11:47 AM.