Gen Ed Committee Report, Information Item
Faculty Senate 11/21/25

General Education met twice this month. Once on November 13th to discuss voting procedures and to approve adding a new course to the General Education grid. We voted to approve the inclusion of ANTH 333 into the Mastery grid under Social Sciences.

We also met for an emergency meeting to discuss the Business program submitted to the Executive Committee on Friday, November 14th. We needed to meet because the new 90 credit degree program does not comply with the Gen Ed requirements for BAS degrees at GBC. Our meeting took place on Monday November 17th. In that meeting, Sarah Negrete and Karl Stevens presented the new 90 credit degree program to the committee. We discussed various options for including the new BAS degree in the next catalog so that it could meet a faculty approved General Education track. Because of the expedited nature of the request for approval, we decided that the best way forward would be to create a fourth Gen Ed column on page 81 of the catalog. That column will need to be labeled with something that shows it represents a unique 3 year degree General Education track. We also approved an expedited way for Karl and Sarah to create a fourth column in the grid. Before Gen Ed can give its approval, they need to work with and create a new grid in consultation with all 5 General Education departments: Math, Science, Social Science, Arts and Letters, and Technology. Those departments will need to approve the grid before it can come back to General Education.

Social Science moved to remove PHIL 311 from the "Social Science" portion of the grid, which they are tasked to oversee based on the Mastery Course plan approved by faculty senate. This decision was tabled for further discussion at our next meeting as it could affect several BAS programs.