

MINUTES
General Education Committee
September 21, 2023
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Montecito Room

Members present: Steve Butler (Professor of Music), David Hunter (Professor of Mathematics), Jana Mayfield Mullen (Director, Library & Information Services), Tatiana Nazarenko (Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness), Felicia Song (Professor of Sociology), Tara Sturges (Recording Secretary and Associate Registrar)

Absent: Michelle Hardley (Registrar)

Guests Present: Blake Kent (Associate Professor of Sociology)

- I. Prayer - Felicia Song**
- II. The minutes from September 7, 2023**

department was opposed. A vote ensued with responses comprising 4 ayes, 1 nay, and 1 member who abstained from voting. Thus, the motion was carried to approve this updated version of SOC-108 to be allowed to fulfill the RA requirement in a similar manner and at the same status as MA-005 is approved to do so. This update takes effect beginning in Spring 2024.

The committee discussed how this motion was carried and approved based on fairness. It was noted that neither MA-005 nor SOC-108 fulfill the current definition of “abstract reasoning” as listed in the GE Combined Document, specifically the “non-empirical” element. If MA-005 is delisted from being approved to fulfill the RA requirement that SOC-108 will also be delisted.

Members of the committee asked that a future agenda item entail a discussion to consider whether the current criteria and definitions of the Reasoning Abstractly GE as listed in the GE Combined document need to be revised and/or whether this category might be removed from the GE requirement completely.

VI. Serving Society proposal to the Senate (GE Committee Google Drive)

Tatiana Nazarenko updated the committee on the proposal to make the Serving Society requirement a graduation requirement and move it out of the GE. Discussion topics included the

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