

**Colonnade General Education Curriculum Committee (CGEC)  
Agenda for March 24, 2026, at 3:45pm – Zoom**

**Zoom Link: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/6170567939>**

**Meeting ID: 617 056 7939**

- **Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2026 (See Below)**
- **Action Items:**
  - Proposal to Change the Faculty Senate Charter
- **Information Items:**
  - None

## Proposal to Change the Faculty Senate Charter

Proposed Change 1 on p. 8 of the Senate Charter (see strikethrough)

### V. The Organization of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate shall act on all proposals received either from its committees or from its members. In addition, the Faculty Senate shall hear and rule on any appeal from a college curriculum committee, and shall forward its recommendation, along with the relevant materials to the Provost.

The Faculty Senate shall also act through its committees, receiving for information reports of committee actions. However, the Faculty Senate may vote to review a committee action. The committee shall be informed of the review, and the matter shall be placed on the agenda of the next Faculty Senate meeting. The Faculty Senate shall forward its recommendation to the Provost.

#### A. Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate

The standing committees of the Faculty Senate are as follows: The Executive Committee, the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, ~~the Colonnade General Education Committee~~, the Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee, the Committee on Academic Quality, the Budget and Finance Committee, the Graduate Council and the Handbook Committee.

Proposed Change 2 on p. 9 of the Senate Charter (see strikethrough)

#### C. Composition and Duties of Other Standing Committees

The composition and duties of other Faculty Senate standing committees shall be set forth in Bylaws of each standing committee, which Bylaws are subject to approval of the Faculty Senate and are linked here:

1. [The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:](#)
2. ~~[The Colonnade General Education Committee:](#)~~
3. [The Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibility Committee:](#)
4. [The Committee on Academic Quality:](#)
5. [The Budget and Finance Committee:](#)
6. [The Graduate Council:](#) and,
7. [The Handbook Committee:](#)

## Rationale for Charter Revision:

The Colonnade General Education Committee recommends that the Senate Charter be amended to remove the Colonnade General Education Committee from the Faculty Senate's list of Standing Committees.

The committee also recommends that its functions (a) to make proposals to the Faculty Senate concerning the structure and content of the Colonnade General Education Program, and (b) to consider new courses and review existing courses proposed for the Colonnade General Education Program be reassigned to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

Expedited approval processes assigned to the Colonnade General Education Committee Chair will shift to the General Education Program Director. Moreover, other functions of the Colonnade General Education Committee will be re-assigned to a group of faculty appointed by the Provost's Office (a) to develop, review, and recommend Colonnade General Education guidelines, policies, performance standards, assessment and assessment policies; and (b) to verify that courses and policies meet the established Colonnade General Education Program requirements. This new group will be referred to as WKU General Education Oversight, Assessment, and Improvement Group (WKU GenEd OAI Group), and details of its memberships and responsibilities follow.

The WKU GenEd OAI Group will work in collaboration with the Director of the General Education Program and faculty who teach and support general education courses. This group will provide program-level oversight by reviewing assessment data, recommending improvements, promoting consistency across general education learning outcomes, and supporting the ongoing development of the general education program and faculty teaching in the program. Recommendations from the group will be to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee by the General Education Program Director.

Currently, the members of the Colonnade General Education Committee serve two years, but this can sometimes be limited to one year based on Senate membership and other faculty course and service commitments. Consequently, there is frequent rotation in this committee which limits institutional memory. The WKU GenEd OAI Group will consist of faculty who teach general education courses or who are responsible for leading unit assessments of general education courses. Membership will be by appointment of the Provost's Office by recommendation of College Dean's Offices, and appointments will aim for at least one member per academic college. Additional appointments for membership may be recommended by the General Education program director to ensure that each category of courses in the General Education Program is represented to support course proposals, assessment, and faculty professional development. Terms of appointment are projected to be three years. These details will be worked out with the new group when formed. Initial appointment duration may be staggered to ensure that the committee maintains institutional memory.

# Colonnade General Education Curriculum Committee (CGEC) Minutes for March 3, 2026

**Voting Members Present:** Andy Mienaltowski, Kandy Smith, Missy Travelsted, Phillip Gunter, Yuyun Lei, Caden Lucas, Robin Ayers, LeAnne Coder, Brooke Gross, and Angie Jerome.

**Guests:** Stacey Forsythe, Rheanna Plemons, and Rob Hale

**Ex-Officio:** Merrall Price, Jennifer Hammonds, Jennifer Klemm, Jessica Dorris, and Danita Kelley

Meeting called to order at 3:45pm

**Approval of Minutes, December 2, 2025: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:** Gross/Jerome – **Vote:** Approved

**Action Items:** None

- **Information Items:**

- Colonnade Workgroup update, including details on updated draft of the revision to the WKU General Education Program and ETA on draft for consideration by CGEC– Dr. Stacey Forsythe, Colonnade Program Director and Colonnade Workgroup Chair
  - Forsythe gave a vision of the revised GenEd plan. Hoping for full implementation around Fall 2028 due to timing of approving courses. Proposing a senate charter change to revise the colonnade committee to fall under/be part of the UCC group for approval processes. A new group will be created “program advising group/oversite committee” to make sure everything stays on track. Gen Ed/Colonnade program revision will reduce required hours to 33-34 from 39.
  - Andy spoke briefly about the process. The new group should be more focused on assessments.
  - More conversation took place with questions/answers.
- Additional update on Fall 2025 assessment of Colonnade Foundations and Explorations categories, Spring 2026 assessment of Colonnade Connections categories, and the Kentucky Graduate Profile in relation to the Colonnade Program - Dr. Stacey Forsythe, Colonnade Program Director and Dr. Rheanna Plemons, Assistant Provost for Accreditation and Assessment
  - Plemons gave a brief presentation on assessment. Discussed rate of assessment completion for Foundations and Explorations courses. Highlighted examples of assessment outcomes where learning outcomes’ Bloom’s taxonomy mapped on

to artifacts/assessments of units. Also discussed perception of alignment of GenEd learning outcomes by category with assigned Kentucky Graduate Profile competency. Presented on the assessment cycle for the current general education program.

**Adjourn – 4:35 pm – 1st/2nd: Gross/Jerome**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Steenberg  
Colonnade Recorder