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ACADEMIC SENATE

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

GE-011-234

IGE 2150 – A Sustainable Tomorrow: From Industrialization to ~~Ethical~~ Environmentalism
(GE Sub-areas C2 and D1) *

(*Ethical was removed from title during consultation)

General Education Committee

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First Reading

TITLE OF REFERRAL: IGE 2150 – A Sustainable Tomorrow: From Industrialization to Ethical Environmentalism (GE Sub-areas C2 and D1)

BACKGROUND:

The Interdisciplinary General Education Program (IGE) is requesting to change the name of IGE 2150 from “Ways of Doing: Culture, Society, Science, and Sustainability” to “A Sustainable Tomorrow: From Industrialization to Ethical Environmentalism” and to remove all pre-requisite requirements for the course. IGE has requested these changes to facilitate enrollment and timely completion of program requirements.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Dr. Hilary Haakenson, Program Coordinator, Interdisciplinary General Education Program
Dr. Aaron DeRosa, Faculty Director for Undergraduate Studies and General Education
Dr. Dale Turner, Chair, Philosophy Department
Dr. Mary Anne Alabanza Akers, Dean, College of Environmental Design
Dr. Andrew O. Wilcox, Associate Dean, College of Environmental Design

DISCUSSION: The changes made do not affect the course’s ability to meet the GE Sub-areas C2 and D1 requirements.

The GE Committee discussed whether name changes constituted a minor revision and if we should move forward with the requested changes in the IGE 23-24 referrals during the GE pause. After consulting with the IGE Program Coordinator, Dr. Haakenson, we concluded as a Committee that most of the requested name changes were minor and that any substantive changes would be handled in future review of the courses.

With GE-011-234, however, the name change appeared more substantive: while sustainability is in the current title, it is a seeming shift in content to move from the title “Ways of Doing” with sustainability as part of the subtitle to a title centrally focused on sustainability and a subtitle that includes “Ethical Environmentalism.” As a committee, we decided to do further consultation on the name change.

During consultation, a concern arose around including “Ethical” in the title, as this implies that the course is primarily focused on ethics and ethical issues. Dr. Haakenson, in consultation with her colleagues, agreed to address this concern by removing “Ethical” from the subtitle. The GE Committee has requested the course title be modified to: “A Sustainable Tomorrow: From Industrialization to Environmentalism.”

The proposed removal of course pre-requisites for IGE 2150 posed no issues for the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: The GE Committee unanimously recommends approval of Referral GE-011-24-34, IGE 2150 – A Sustainable Tomorrow: From Industrialization to Ethical Environmentalism (GE Sub-areas C2 and D1) with the course title being changed to IGE 2150 – A Sustainable Tomorrow: From Industrialization to Environmentalism (the word “ethical” was removed during consultation).