

Breakout group notes for SS3 only group

Notes

SS3 group (human behavior, culture, social frameworks) faculty

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General notes

- Critical thinking or problem solving as new option
- Consider adding creative thinking. Discussion about adding this. Creative may not be relevant across disciplines in group SS3.
- We looked at quantitative and oral and considered adding them as optional or required. We decided that they shouldn't be added as required or optional.

Notes Specific to Competencies

Written

- New written competency better (all agree with this statement)

Creative thinking

- Does this fit in our discipline?
- Does this fit in intro classes?
- Make this an option with critical thinking, problem solving, or creative thinking.

Critical thinking and problem solving

- They like the new competencies for these areas.
- There are some concerns about the ethical citizen outcome
- There are concerns about "participation in civic life"
- There is uncertainty about how to address some aspects of civic engagement into large intro classes

Global learning or civic engagement

- How do these competencies apply to disciplines?
- Make it an "or" with these competencies

Information literacy

- There was no support for the way that this competency was written because 1) it doesn't include technology and 2) all aspects seem to already be covered in critical thinking and problem solving and written communication.
- It was unclear what new outcomes are added or different from Information Literacy
- This competency needs revision because it doesn't add any new outcomes that written communication, problem solving, critical thinking

Is there anything missing in competencies?

- Technology is missing in new competencies and
- Diversity is missing. Global doesn't allow acknowledge local diversity.
- Adaptability is missing.

Recommendations/Comments

1. Make it critical thinking or problem solving for SS3
2. For all competencies add fine print language from old competency to new competency "most not all"
3. Information literacy doesn't mention technology and there was a consensus that this competency needs major revision if it is supposed to capture technology
4. If you are high on critical thinking then it already covers information literacy
5. Make SS3 to be Critical thinking or problem solving or creative thinking
6. Remove optional Information Literacy from SS3
7. There is concern about the review process for getting courses approved. Would recommend making a simple process for the re-approval process.
8. Make "Global learning or civic engagement" for SS3
9. The faculty would like these questions answered: What is the percentage of time faculty have to devote to the competencies for teaching and assessment? Who will make the decision that appropriate amount of time is set? When will the percentage be determined?
10. The faculty would like the specific faculty who attended today to be invited for the next series of meetings. Additional faculty could be added, but the same faculty here today need to be invited so that consistency can be kept in the process.
11. Please GE council rep names to all people attending today. People don't know how they were selected to attend.
12. Global learning title needs to be changed to "Diversity and Global Learning". Global doesn't cover diversity. It needs to be a primary competency. It should include diversity, inclusion, intercultural reference, global, social justice, equity, and inclusivity. The title of "global learning" should be changed because the term doesn't cover that broader
13. A technology competency needs to be added that focuses on technology. If a new technology competency is created or if the information literacy is changed to include technology then this group might consider adding it to the SS3 set of competencies. But as currently written, the group saw no value in adding the information literacy to the SS3 competencies.
14. A missing competency is adaptability overall and adaptability in technology.

New for competencies for SS3

1. Written communication
2. Critical thinking or problem solving
3. Global learning or civic engagement