**Spring 2016**

No new curriculum proposals came through the Gen Ed committee in the spring of 2016. As usual, all courses with a gen ed component were submitted in the fall to meet the October 31 deadline for inclusion in the 2016/17 course catalog.

Instead, the committee focused its attention on the “gateway course” project. We reviewed courses from other institutions and discussed how such courses could fulfill the YC Critical Thinking requirement while serving as a First Year Experience course as well. Toward that end, Dean Holbrook and Tiny Luffman were invited to the April 12 meeting to add their expertise and perspectives to the matter. There is a trend away from generic FYE courses to courses that target specific populations of students, providing them with the skills and knowledge they need in particular majors or career paths.

After an initial consultation with the faculty at large, via reports at various division meetings given by Gen Ed members, it was decided to start with creating an Arts and Humanities course, a STEM-focused course, and a revamped FYE course for students who are truly undecided in their academic and/or career paths. These courses will be developed in the Fall of 2016 and submitted to curriculum before the October 31 deadline for the 2017/18 catalog.