General Education Council Meeting  
Minutes from Monday, February 11, 2013

Council Members Present: L. Harney; G. Passty; S. Beebe; V. Luizzi; M. Supancic; J. Bible; A. Yzedjian, S. O’Neal; G. White; B. Erhart; S. Rollings; C. Russian; K. Peirce; K. McCurdy; R. Brown

Visitor(s): Ms. Sheri Mora & Dr. Beth Wuest

I. Meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

II. Approve Minutes of Meeting of 1/28/13
   - V. Luizzi made a motion to approve the minutes. L. Harney second the motion. Council members approved.

III. Report on General Education distance learning/technology-based instruction sent to SACS
   - The university has received approval from SACS to allow a maximum of 25 hours in a degree to be completed via distance learning/technology.
   - The online course is responsible for meeting the same criteria and assessment as the courses that meet in-person/on-campus. Outcomes have to be the same.
   - The university must be in compliance by next SACS visit in 2015.
   - R. Brown will get current numbers from Dr. Thorne about enrollment in distance learning courses

IV. Report of Honors College
   - M. Supanic passed out handouts (Report of Sub-committee on Honors College Courses).
     - Committee recommendation is to continue the current process with the Honors College for the Honors courses used to substitute for the Texas State General Education Core Curriculum.
     - Courses will continue to be called Honors courses but have department endorsement.
     - R. Brown asked all the members in favor to accept the report. All GEC members unanimously accepted the report.
   - Questions/Comments/Suggestions
     - Are there any courses that have a permanent standing in the core curriculum? No
     - Assessment methods in question. Are there different outcomes for Honors courses? Yes. They report separate outcomes and methods.

V. Reports on the 8 Component & Table Statements
Still need Component and Table Statements for the following areas: Creative Arts, History, and Political Science.

S. Mora had a Component and Table document for Political Science. She passed around copies to the members.

R. Brown announced the need for volunteers to form a committee to be looking over the 8 Components & Table Statements. The committee would be responsible for editing and language of competencies. The following members volunteered: S. O’Neal and B. Ernhart.

K. Peirce passed out the Component and Table Statement for Creative Arts.

G. White will be the chair of the committee for the Social Science Component and Table Statement. M. Supunic and V. Luizzi will assist G. White with this task.

### VI. Comments from Council Members

- B. Wuest is reviewing the Beebe-Houser assessment.

### VII. Next Meeting will be February 25, 2013

### VIII. S. O’Neal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Russian second the motion. Council members approved.

### IX. Meeting adjourned at 4:29pm.