General Education Council
Minutes
9.12.11

Council Present:
J. Moxzygemba-Health Professions
D. Feakes-Science
T. Hindson-Liberal Arts Alternate
E. Blunk-Applied Arts
J. Bible-McCoy Business Administration
L. Harney-Liberal Arts
V. Luizzi-Chair Representative
P. Suckling-Chair Representative
M. Houser-Fine Arts and Communication
G. Passty-Science
G. White-McCoy Business Administration
C. Russian-Health Professions
Kirk Walker-Education Substitute
S. Beebe-Liberal Arts

Council Absent:
W. Stone-Applied Arts
Sharon O'Neal-Education
K. Peirce-Fine Arts and Communication
Student Representative
Student Representative

Guests:
Nate Dean
Terry Westbrook
Selina Mireles

Meeting convened at 3:30 p.m.

General Education Council will stay with R. Brown under his new role as Assistant Vice President for Academic Services

Temporarily meeting in JCK 880 until construction is better in LAMP then meeting in LAMP 501

Thank you to S. Pivonka for 12 years assisting the Council

Roundtable Introductions of Council members

**Motion:**
R. Brown asked to review the old minutes at the next meeting. S. Beebe so moved. J. Moczygemba seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
D. Brown, the new dean of University College, was unable to make it for an introduction because of last minute work with a student issue. He is interested in GEC and may attend as an ex-officio member.

Introduction of Jennifer Jahns, the new Senior Administrative Assistant in the Provost Office. She will be attending the meetings and taking the minutes.

Presentation of proposal: Department of Mathematics for the addition of Math 1312 (College Statistics and Algebra) to the core curriculum

Subcommittee appointed to review and make a formal recommendation on the Math 1312 proposal to the council by 1st meeting in October. Subcommittee: Chair-D. Feakes with assistance from G. White and P. Suckling

Discussion:
- Same SAT requirements as Math 1315, 1316 and 1319
- Recommend 1315 as pre-req to pre-cal
- They do anticipate a rapid increase of enrollment in this course if available
- This course doesn’t omit algebra
- It would transfer as statistics
- Piloting with at-risk students and they are doing well in the course
- Geared toward making math more relevant to the student taking it

Handouts from Coordinating Board
1- Information about Political Science objections from University of Houston and University of Texas regarding changes the CB is proposing
   -- The CB is looking at making changes from the UT model (principals of Texas government and functions of Texas government) to the A&M model (Texas government and national government)
   -- V. Brittain, Chair of Political Science (PS), has asked the R. Brown submit her request to keep PS as is at Texas State

2- CB document that proposes 6 core objectives for all GE assessment
   -- How will we meet the criteria?
   -- Do they make sense for specific courses?

Also the issue of Academic Course Guide—outcomes that seem to be counter productive to assessing the objectives

Yes, we should provide feedback. Feedback should be done group by group to say what we object to and on what grounds.

Issue:
Bring the core down to 42 hours
-- Texas State is currently at 46
-- Believe that most disciples are meeting the 120 hour rule with the 46 hours of core
--If changes are made they would be implemented in Fall 2014

J. Jahns will check to see how many don’t meet the 120 hour rule

SACS minimum for core curriculum is 36 hours

**Motion:**
P. Sucking asked that the Council endorse that the General Education Core Curriculum stays at 46 hours. L. Harney seconds the motion.

**Discussion:**
- Keep because the CB seems to be at cross purposes
- Where would the cut come from?
- Could the cut courses become an institution regulation or would they go to the program?

**Call for the vote:**

For : 11  Abstained: 1 (D. Feakes)

Motion passed.

What does Texas State have that UT and A&M don’t have that they can go down to 42?

-- Review the Core Curriculum website that Texas State hosts to see [http://statecore.its.txstate.edu/](http://statecore.its.txstate.edu/)
- Are they meeting the 42 hour core with something in their admission requirements?

Follow-up on this conversation at the next meeting in 2 weeks.

Preserve 120 hours with our 46 hour core

Council members need to review the objectives documents and departments send rational to R. Brown for why any of the 6 objectives don’t make sense in certain disciples (core courses). J. Jahns will get you the distribution list so you can send your comments to all.

**Discussion of requesting extension of comment period**

Discuss assessment at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.