In attendance: Sharon O’Neal, Peter Deduck (for B. J. Friedman), Gregory Passty, Ian Davidson, Debra Feakes, Michael Supancic, Beth Erhart, Kevin McCurdy, Chris Russian, Diego Rivero, Garry White, Sue Beebe, Duane Knudson (guest), Stacey Herzog (guest), Mark Grande (guest), Lucy Harney, Michael Burns, Vincent Luizzi, Jackie Mocygemba, Ted Hindson and Ron Brown.

R. Brown convened the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

The Council adopted the minutes of the meetings on March 24, 2014.

A copy of the component matrix proposal for PFW 1301 was shared by Duane Knudson. It was noted that many changes had been made. The course now focuses more on the environment. Ron asked that the subcommittee meet prior to the end of the semester to provide a decision regarding that proposal.

A comment was made that the proposed course had improved and that the course would not be offered until the fall of 2016. Dr. Supancic noted that in the interim period the course could be offered on a trial basis under the special topics provision of the curriculum process if the department had this curriculum option.

Dr. Brown stated that such a course could be valuable to students who are not as active as they were in high school.

Dr. Brown then provided the committee with a proposed recommendation to Texas State Advisors. He provided general guidelines for preparing students in oral, aural and written communication. It was noted that the Coordinating Board had approved a course based on Steven Covey’s books/philosophy at San Antonio Community College over faculty protests.

It was noted that we (Texas State) cannot dispute credits that have been approved from community colleges or other transferring institutions.

Many colleges try to assess students as they are leaving. Dr. Brown noted that such assessments can be difficult if they choose to assess students as juniors and seniors for courses taken at the freshman and sophomore level.

Dr. Vincent Luizzi will prepare a draft of overarching rules for advising students of their options which would be true to the spirit of our core requirements here.

Dr. Brown said we would meet in June to consider the models we have proposed/submitted in the past. He will send the information to the entire GEC committee and also allow us to access it on line once the reports are submitted by each department. He will send the committee members detailed directions as to how to access the information on line.

R. Brown recognized the special contributions of Vince Luizzi, Sue Beebe and Shelby Rollings, who will leave the Council at the end of the current academic year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.
Submitted by Sharon O’Neal