

## **General Education Council Meeting**

Minutes from Monday, September 24, 2012

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Council Members Present: V. Luizzi; G. White; B. Friedman; C. Russian; D. Feakes; S. Beebe; S. O'Neal; J. Moczegemba; K. Walker; V. Shah; T. Hindson; G. Passty; M. Supancic

Visitors: Dr. Gail Ryser (Director, Testing, Research Support and Evaluation Center)

- I. Meeting convened at 3:29 p.m.
- II. Approve Minutes of GEC meeting of September 10, 2012
  - A. G. White made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/10/2012 and B. Friedman seconded the motion. Council members agreed.
- III. Report on the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA)
  - A. Dr. Gail Ryser spoke about the CLA. It is a standardized national instrument. This is our fifth year to use the CLA at Texas State. It is a ninety minute, computer based exam. Texas State tests 100 freshmen in the fall and 100 seniors in the spring. There is also a local survey that is given to the students. Dr. Gail Ryser passed out a handout of the local survey. Currently, they are trying to recruit more freshmen to participate. Seniors would receive one-hundred Bobcat Bucks and fifty Bobcat Bucks for freshmen who participate. Texas State is committed to three more years of CLA.
- IV. Opportunity to review the CLA demonstration instrument
  - A. An invitation to see the test was extended to the council members. Dr. Ryser has set up a time to see the test on Monday, October 8, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Council members need to let R. Brown know if they are interested.
- V. Discuss Beebe-Houser assessment proposal
  - A. R. Brown asked for thoughts and/or comments about the assessment proposal. Council members were asked if they wanted to proceed with the Beebe-Houser proposal. They agreed. R. Brown and Dr. Beth Wuest will move forward with it.
- VI. Comments by Dr. Beth Wuest re: applicability for SACS and Coordinating Board
  - A. Dr. Beth Wuest will get comments in a month.
- VII. Volunteers for reviewing assessment plans (2012-2013) from departments offering courses in the General Education Core Curriculum: October
  - A. R. Brown asked for volunteers from the council. R. Brown explained it would be an afternoon to review the assessment information. No date or time has been set but the review could take

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place during our regular meeting time, perhaps at the end of October or early November for about an hour. G. Passty volunteered to assist.

- VIII. Responsibility for revising documents for Component descriptions, tables, and General Education mission statement
- A. The temporary moratorium made on September 10, 2012 about the additions to current General Education Core Curriculum was discussed. R. Brown suggested having someone from each area that was affected by the change form a subcommittee to review what offer suggestions about the recommended area. The timeline would be by the end of fall 2012, if possible.
- IX. Volunteers for 8 Component and Tables statements (currently 5)
- X. Have GEC members advised their deans and colleges as to their roles as liaisons for the 2014 General Education Core Curriculum?
- A. R. Brown informed the council members that the deans should know you are a liaison.
- XI. Other Items
- A. Diann McCabe presented to the GEC in the Spring 2012 semester and was interested in having a member of the GEC serve on an Honors course selection committee. The committee would select the Honors courses and assist with which courses should substitute for core curriculum classes. R. Brown would like the GEC to participate and asked what the members wanted to do. A question was asked regarding whether the Honors courses received core curriculum codes. Those courses do not receive codes. It was suggested that the Honors College fill out the documents as departments do for core curriculum courses to be considered. It was noted that the committee representative may not know the specialization for the course being proposed for selection. R. Brown explained the current procedures for new course proposals for general education.
  - B. M. Supancic, B. Friedman, and V. Luizzi will serve on a committee that will meet with Dr. Heather Galloway (Dean, Honors College) and Diann McCabe (Director of Academic Development) about the Honors courses. M. Supancic will chair this committee. The committee will bring back recommendations to the council.
- XII. G. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting and M. Supancic seconded the motion. Council members unanimously agreed.
- XIII. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.