General Education Council
9.22.03
Minutes

Council Present:
R. Stein-FA&C
L. Thomas-HP
B. Pevoto-AA
S. Ogletree-LA
M. Hennessy-LA
T. Mottet-FA&C
R. Northcutt-Sci.
B. Melzer-HP
V. Sriraman-Sci.
D. Glassman-Chair
B. Stone-AA
D. Wiley-Ed.
C. McCall-Ed
Council Absent:
D. Showalter-BA
D. Flaherty-BA
J. Crawford-Chair

Meeting convened at 3:32 p.m.

All Council members present introduced themselves.

Handouts
1-Meeting dates – 2nd and 4th Mondays from 3:30-5
2-Coordinating Board Report Timeline-Carolyn, Tim and Barbara M. have been working on the report during the summer
3-May 1991 Report on Core Curriculum at SWTSU
4-Purpose and Substance of General Education at Texas State (draft)

What needs to been done for the report:
-Define/describe core curriculum at Texas State University—refer to the May 1991 report
-Form modifications because we can't assume a student will take their entire core curriculum here or how much dual credit or AP courses they bring with them
-On handout 4 the bolded words are from the old statement that needs to be revised to incorporate what is offered at Texas State-
-The italics indicated old points that were relevant for justification of natural science courses
-The international perspective needs to be removed because it is no longer a core curriculum requirement

--Look over the draft (handout 4) because we need to decide what subset of the student body satisfies our core curriculum requirements

*-Need to define up front who meets our requirement-a footnote for qualification reasons for both assessment and coordinating board

-Subset? —Students who take all core curriculum here or bring in AP credit?
-Every public institution in Texas is doing survey
-Hour requirements—42 minimum—48 maximum—we have 46-hour core
-Get draft report before next mtg.
-We need to figure out our objectives and the state them

Past 4 years we have been conducting a pilot assessment to see what emphasis is placed on skills throughout the students education
-The least emphasis after core curriculum is Math

Issues for this year:
-CJ 1310 to be included into the Social Science Component
-Make all the interviews for the Provost because the new Provost will influence general education thinking
-Course Appeal-students with disabilities seeking variance from required courses—What is the process for dealing with these students and what are their options?
    -Created special section for Math and this seems to be working
-TASP regulations are changing and R. Brown will let the council know as soon as he know the new regulations—new name-Texas Success Initiative Program
-Strategic Planning
    -How it affects the council
    -How it impacts service courses
-GECC at RRHEC and programs available off campus and how that relates to us

*-If a regular committee member cannot meet on a meeting day please contact an alternate from your college and cc: Sarah at sp15 with who is attending in your place

Get standardized
-Get goals and objectives in syllabus—if you can help please do
-It is the responsibility of the council that they meet these requirements and if they don't then they don't belong in the core
-Need to get a paper trail to show these things are getting done
-For many faculty it will be a shift in how they've thought about their courses
-Dr. Ellis and Dr. Israel have increased emphasis on compliance

Next meeting Oct. 13

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.