

General Education Council Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2015
3:30pm, JCK 1100, Regents' Room

Attendees: Brown (Chair), Burns, Carter, Erhart, Hanks, Harney, Hindson, Meritt, Moczygemba, Passty, Russian, Supancic, Wilson, Cathy Lamm (Administrative Assistant)
Absent: Davidson, Downing, Feakes, Friedman, Hamilton, O'Neal (ex), Rivero (ex), White
Visitors: Heather Galloway, Diann McCabe

Brown announced the newly elected council members, three of whom are renewing their terms (Erhart, Supancic and Russian). New members are Catherine Hawkins to replace Friedman, Maria Diana Gonzales to replace Moczygemba, and Dave Donnelly to replace Feakes. Brown thanked the outgoing members for their service.

The minutes of April 13, 2015 were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2015 was made by Erhart, seconded by Russian. Motion passed unanimously.

Brown confirmed the Coordinating Board's approval of the Honors College header courses as presented in a previous email, but stated that in discussions with Rex Peebles of the Coordinating Board, depth versus breadth concerned the Coordinating Board reviewer, but Brown indicated that this was also a concern for the GEC and the Curriculum Committee. Peebles approved everything as submitted.

Dates were presented for an assessment meeting in June. Brown consulted with Harney and Passty, since they are college reviewers and the colleges with the most GECC course, if their assessment documents will be submitted by the end of May. They confirmed so it was decided to meet June 22, 2015, at 2:30pm (snacks provided).

Brown advised the council will need to meet either June 1st or 8th to discuss the additional topics courses for the Honors College. It was decided to tentatively meet on June 8, if majority can attend. Heather Galloway advised that there are a total of eight additional courses to be submitted in Communications, Language, Philosophy and Culture, Creative Arts, and American History. Brown requested Galloway send him the names of the courses, and he will send this out to the GEC. Supancic advised he also sent the updated foundational component form with the changes to item 3, so Galloway will need to update section 3 of the forms. Galloway inquired as to what peaked the Coordinating Board's questioning about their forms, and Brown reported it was just a general overall concern and that they were more focused on the internal process versus what was submitted. Galloway advised she will have the proposed courses done by June 8. Brown requested that if council members could not attend, that they have their alternates attend. Brown recommended Galloway meet with the Advising Council, and she stated she met with them last fall and they have been apprised of the situation pending changes in the Honors College classes that satisfy the General Education Core Curriculum components.

There being no one from HHP, Brown asked Supancic if he knew the status of the PFW 1301 course. Supancic informed that he believes this course is listed among those coming up for review by the University Curriculum Committee in September and could be implemented fall 2016. Harney inquired about a spring change cycle and Supancic advised that all courses would be submitted in the spring so there would be only one change cycle. He also advised that the catalog would be open for a 3-month period (June-September) and locked down October through May. Brown advised that, ideally, any new or revised courses coming to the Gen Ed Council should come in October/November. Brown stated that he, Supancic and Micky Autrey should meet to discuss deadlines and the council will probably want to issue an annual call for courses.

Brown requested the council members continue to reserve the second and fourth Mondays of each month for meetings.

Hanks moved to adjourn, seconded by Burns. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.