

General Education Council Meeting
JCK 880 on October 7, 2013

Attendees: S. Beebe, R. Brown, E. Earhardt, D. Feakes, BJ Friedman, L. Harney, T. Hindson, V. Luizzi, K. McCurdy, J. Moczygemba, G. Passty, D. Rivera, C. Russian, S. Rollings, M. Supancic, G. White,

R. Brown convened the meeting at 3:35 pm.

Brown reported:

- the University Curriculum Committee met on Friday, October 4, and approved US 1100 as an Institutional Requirement
- No information had yet been received from HHP Chair Duane Knudson

The General Education Council (GEC) briefly discussed the fact that US 1100 were hours that would be added to all degree plans where students entered with less than 16 hours since high school graduation. Other students would need to complete an additional hour to reach the minimum 120 degree requirement.

Minutes of September 9 were approved with change in date from 9/13 to 9/12 on submission to Coordinating Board.

Philosophy Outcome report distributed. Note particularly the revision of the Mission Statement which had been revised in draft by B. Wuest. Mission statements of other General Education assessments will be with other outcomes. The expectation is that components will use definitions from the Coordinating Board, but will avoid non-SACS terms.

- Brown asked council members to be ready to comment at the next meeting.

Component area descriptions will need to be revisited so that departments can target criteria when proposing the addition of new courses.

Question arose as to whether or not courses could be removed from the Core such as Math 1317 Trigonometry, which may not be used by students to satisfy General Education requirements.

Brown and Supancic confirmed the procedures for submitting new courses exclusively for addition to the General Education Core Curriculum (GECC): the course would go from department to college to GEC to UCC.

If a department sought to add an existing course to the GECC, this would require only submission to the GEC for review.

No additions to the GECC can be reported to the Coordinating Board before fall 2014 and would go into effect in fall 2015.

No Honors courses were included in the proposal sent to the Coordinating Board.

Brown reported:

- Coordinating Board is encouraging Texas public institutions to use the VALUE rubrics developed by the Association of American Colleges & Universities as part of their assessment strategies.
- Council members interested in reviewing the AACU's VALUE rubrics can locate them at the following website:
[http://www.in.gov/che/files/All VALUE Rubrics.pdf](http://www.in.gov/che/files/All%20VALUE%20Rubrics.pdf)
- Submission to the Coordinating Board was sent and the GEC approved by electronic vote the elements of the submission
- Texas State will not learn about its submission until November
- Rex Peebles (formerly of Austin Community College and more recently Odessa Community College) has been selected to replace Dr. Catherine Parsonneau
- Legislation passed in the most recent session has made the Coordinating Board an advisory body, but how this will affect the approval process for new core is unclear.
- Core coding (1-9) is expected to stay the same. Some institutions are developing new "designer" courses for their cores.
- The GEC will need to review the older documents developed more than a decade ago to provide guidance to departments wanting to develop new core courses.
- Components will need redefinition, especially in History, Government/Political Science, which were formerly part of the Social Sciences and the new category Language, Philosophy and Culture, formerly the Humanities.
- At this time the SACS 5-year interim visit will not include a review of general education.
- Texas State's QEP, the PACE initiative cannot include graduation data at the time of the SACS review, because the PACE initiative will not then have such data available.

Adjourned at 4:25 pm