

General Education Council Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2014
3:30pm, JCK 880

Present: Ron Brown (AVPAS), Craig Hanks (Chair), Beth Erhart (Chair), Michael Supancic, BJ Friedman, Diego Vacaflares Rivero, Garry White, Sharon O'Neal, Michelle Hamilton, Kristen Farris, Ian Davidson, Chris Russian, Jackie Moczygemba, Lucy Harney, Nancy Wilson, Greg Passty, Debra Feakes, Temple Carter, Ted Hindson (Alt), Cathy Lamm (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Brianda Carrasco, Dustin Downing

Guests: Mark Grande and Stacey Herzog (HHP), Diann McCabe and Heather Galloway (Honors College)

1. Dr. Ron Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the guests.
2. The minutes of the September 8, 2014, meeting were presented for approval. Harney brought recommended revisions to the council's attention, and it was agreed to submit corrections and defer approval of the minutes until the next meeting on October 27, 2014.
3. A brief summary of the unofficial meeting of October 22, 2014, was made. Brown noted that a lot of the conversation covered depth vs. breadth, where the General Education core curriculum, as adopted last year, is breadth and the honor courses are depth.
- 3.5. As a write-in agenda item 3.5, the revised foundational component table forms for each area were once again reviewed. Heather Galloway distributed informational materials for Honors courses. She reported that she had faculty complete the forms and received varied interpretations as to what was being requested, and many did not feel the forms were clear. It was noted that the new revised form was not used for PFW1301. The Council discussed whether the status of the form should change from a draft version to a temporary procedure. Passty moved to maintain the foundational component tables as a draft, seconded by Feakes. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Stacey Herzog presented a revised draft of PFW 1301 for consideration and approval. It was noted that there were still substantial revisions to be made with regard to learning terminology and grammatical errors, and that the three forms were not consistent. It was suggested to do away with the syllabus; however, Mickey Autrey's office uses that to input information into the system and to help the council determine what's expected in the class. It was recommended that HHP consult with Jo An Zimmermann, College of Education Curriculum Committee Chair, and Karen Meaney, who both have strong social science backgrounds. An informal meeting between Hamilton, Herzog, Grande and subcommittee members (Erhart, Friedman, and Moczygemba) will be scheduled to discuss the proposal in depth. This course recommendation will be brought back to agenda at a later date.

5. Heather Galloway opened discussion on the submission of Honors College courses. She addressed concerns about there not being an Honors College representative on the committee and noted several concerns about the consistency and comprehension of the component table form. She recommended Cathy Jaffe be added as a General Education council representative from the Honors college and asked that this suggestion be included as an agenda item at the next meeting. It was decided that a subcommittee would be best to review the eight foundational component areas. Brown will ask each member to serve on at least two subcommittees. It was noted that the foundational component table, course addition form and the course syllabus all need to be submitted when submitting proposals for new courses.
6. Brown advised the next General Education meeting will be dedicated to reviewing learning outcomes of all courses in the General Education Core Curriculum, and Dr. Beth Wuest will be in attendance.
7. Brown noted that hopefully by the first meeting in November, the committee will receive a final proposal for PFW 1301 and a submission of the earliest of the honors college courses; and then by the meeting in late January, have all honors courses submitted and a decision made about the PFW 1301 course.
8. A motion to adjourn was made by White, seconded by Freidman. Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.