

General Education Council Meeting Minutes  
February 27, 2017  
3:30pm, JCK 880

**Attendees:** Brown (Chair), Allsup, Bondoc, Booth, Day (in pace of Hindson), Erhart, Farris, Gonzales, Hamilton, Hanks, Hawkins, Pizer, Russian, Supancic, Vacaflares Rivero, White, Wilson, Cathy Lamm (Administrative Assistant)

**Absent:** Hindson (ex), Jones, Passty (ex)

**Guests:** Heather Galloway, Michael Burns, Micky Autrey

Welcome and introductions were made. Brown thanked everyone for coming.

The minutes of February 13, 2017, were presented for approval. Booth moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017, seconded by Hawkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Brown asked for clarification as to whether the Council voted at the 2-13-17 GEC meeting on the issue of the request for SPCH 1315 to be scribed in Degree Works as an 090 course (when it arrives on a transcript as on 010 Communication competency) so as not to create duplication issues for a course that is comparable, but not identical, to COMM 1310. The GEC agreed that a vote had been taken as reflected in the minutes of 2-13-17.

Supancic advised they received a signed contract from Leap Frog and anticipate implementation in about four to five weeks. The contract needs to be submitted to the Course Leaf developers and Autrey, Gutierrez, and Supancic will meet with the developers to see where they are. Autrey advised that they had over 700 courses go through just in the first round, compared to 200-300 previously with the old system.

Discussion was held on the new Honors College Course 2309 "Talking Like TED." Brown informed that the CIM system and scheduling are closed and will not be open until April. Galloway advised that Michael Burns will be teaching the class, but has an opportunity to be out of the country most of 2018, so if the class is not taught this fall, it would not be taught until fall 2018. Galloway noted that there is a TED conference here this fall, so it would be a good service for the students if it could be implemented this fall. Supancic reminded that this course was supposed to be a test course for CIM and does not anticipate another course coming to the committee anytime soon. Hawkins suggested approving the course in principle and then include in CIM when the system is up and running. Galloway agreed. She informed that she would rather have it implemented in the fall, but if necessary, can wait until spring 2018, although Burns will not be able to teach. Booth inquired if the course can be implemented as a core class and then changed to General Education when the system is up and running. Autrey advised there are two pieces to the puzzle and very important to test out both pieces (proposal piece and approval process). It was noted that Brown, as the General Education chair, would be the approver. The vote will take place within the Council and Brown will log the vote as one vote. Brown asked for an up or down vote on the course. Galloway

suggested scheduling Burns' class as a COMM 1310 and offer it in fall 2017. Council members decided that Galloway and Burns be authorized to move forward with the course, and it will be put in the system as soon as available for General Education classes. It was noted to send any comments to Galloway or Burns for consideration. Hawkins called the question to include the TED course in the CIM system when available to be taught in the fall 2017. Honors to create a placeholder. Motion passed unanimously.

Brown informed the Council will not meet again until the end of March 2017.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned 4:45pm.