

General Education Council Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2015

3:30pm, JCK 880

**Attendees:** Brown (Chair), Burns, Erhart, Feakes, Friedman, Hamilton, Hanks, Harney, Hindson, Moczygemba, Pizer, Russian, Supancic, White, Wilson, Cathy Lamm (Administrative Assistant)

**Absent:** Carter, Davidson, Downing, Passty, O'Neal (ex), Rivero (ex)

Introduction of Fine Arts & Communication alternate Alan Pizer, substituting for Ian Davidson. The minutes of March 23, 2015 were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2015 was made by Friedman, seconded by White. Motion passed unanimously.

Harney presented the subcommittee's recommendation regarding item 3 of the foundational component form requesting the addition of new courses to Texas State University's General Education Core Curriculum. For History and Political Science, the subcommittee decided to stay with the Gen Ed statements that are currently on the website. For the Communications component, committee members tried to merge oral and written communication, but found they had to break it out into two separate components. For the Creative Arts component, subcommittee members consulted with the music/art/theatre departments and made minor changes regarding wording, related mainly to one course. For the Math component, Passty had recommended removing the current second item referencing the scientific method. A motion was made by the subcommittee to use the revised new components for item 3 on all forms, replacing the existing ones. Motion passed unanimously.

Brown advised that the Honors College course forms are still pending with the Coordinating Board, but some of proposed topics courses have been uploaded on the TRACS site for review. Brown asked the committee members to please monitor the forms as they come in, and he will advise the Council members if Coordinating Board approves our recommendations. Supancic recommended not reviewing additional courses until the Coordinating Board decides on the current forms. Inquiry was made as to when the changes to the course request forms would go into effect. Brown advised that anything going forward after this spring would be on the new forms; however, Honors College will use what they currently have, and can submit the Literature courses on the old form as well. Supancic added that the university is moving to an annual catalog in the fall using Course Leaf software, so the calendar for submission of programs will be reduced from 18 months to 12-13 months. It was noted that special topics courses can be submitted anytime. Supancic advised that changes to courses can only be made before the fall semester begins.

Brown thanked Wilson for her thorough review and recommended changes of PPS 1.12 and asked the committee members to submit any other recommended changes by the end of the week. If no other changes are received, the policy will be given to Provost's office for circulation.

Brown advised there will be a meeting at end of April and also a meeting in June.

Pizer moved to adjourn, seconded by Russian. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.