

General Education Council Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2016  
3:30pm, JCK 880

**Attendees:** Brown (Chair), Allsup, Booth, Dedek, Erhart, Farris, Gonzales, Hamilton, Hanks, Hawkins, Hindson, Jones, Passty, Pizer, Schlortt Supancic, Vacafloros Rivero, White, Wilson, Cathy Lamm (Administrative Assistant)

**Absent:** Carter, Russian

**Guests:** Debra Feakes, Beth Wuest

Brown thanked everyone for coming. The minutes of September 26, 2016, were presented for approval. Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of September 26, 2016, seconded by Hindson. Motion passed unanimously.

Brown informed that after the meeting, the assessment subcommittee will stay in JCK 880 and work on General Education assessments and the curriculum subcommittee will meet in JCK 1088 to work on the new General Education curriculum form. Brown advised that Supancic is chair of the curriculum subcommittee and Wilson is chair of the assessment subcommittee. It was noted that a second meeting in November would be likely, and the Council will take recommendations from the two subcommittees this semester, if ready. Brown reminded the assessment subcommittee that fall audits focus on outcomes and carry forward into the spring with auditing the results in June.

A handout was presented by Supancic with brief comments to the proposed CHEM 1330 course. Brown advised that the General Education course form is not available online now, but will be in 2017. Feakes reported that CHEM 1330 would replace CHEM 1430, thus eliminating the lab experience associated with CHEM 1430. Supancic moved to approve CHEM 1330 as a GEC course pending the recommended changes to the form, per the handout, prior to University Curriculum Committee meeting; seconded by Hanks. Motion passed unanimously. Brown reiterated that the corrections are only for the curriculum form, not the GEC form. Feakes advised that the projected enrollment for CHEM 1330 was much higher for the second semester than the 60 previously anticipated. It was noted that Feakes will also need to submit the course syllabus form, which is required by the Coordinating Board. Supancic will send a Word document of the course syllabus form to Feakes. Feakes advised that the projected enrollment for spring 2017 is 200 and will be in two sections. Erhart suggested including more detail in sections c. and d. and Feakes agreed. Hawkins stated the form seems more focused on a scientific level and asked how that fits into the bigger world. Feakes advised the goal is to make sure students have some science-based knowledge and to delve into more of a science view versus global. Schlortt inquired how changing this course would affect incoming freshmen who have already earned course credits. Feakes advised that students transferring in are core coded, and the IBD credit would come in as 1330 as non-science major course. Current students who got the 1430 credit and transferred in would just have more science credits than needed. It was also noted that any coursework done as an equivalency will not be changed. Feakes will

correct the forms and send to Lamm by November 21, 2017, for the Council's review prior its next meeting.

Brown moved to adjourn to subcommittee groups; seconded by Pizer. The General Education Council meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

Brown advised that the curriculum subcommittee will work on the forms for the new Course Information Management system (CIM). It was noted that faculty members can go to the system to review materials submitted for the General Education Council, but the system is not for general student access; however, student representatives will have access.

Brown then advised that the assessment subcommittee will review the plan for assessment audits. It was noted that the General Education Council approves the assessment plans for all departments that have courses in the General Education Council curriculum, both for SACSCOC and the Coordinating Board, which is the state body that oversees the General Education Core Curriculum.