

General Education Council Meeting

Minutes from Monday, September 10, 2012

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Council Members Present: V. Luizzi; B. Erhart; M. Supancic; BJ Friedman; J. Bible; G. White; S. O'Neal; K. McCurdy; M. Houser; K. Peirce; J. Moczygamba; L. Harney; S. Beebe; T. Hindson; G. Passty; D. Feakes; R. Brown

Visitors: Dr. Beth Wuest & Ms. Temple Carter

- I. Meeting convened at 3:30 p.m.
- II. R. Brown made an announcement that there will not be a meeting on Monday, October 8, 2012.
- III. Introductions of General Education Council (GEC) Membership
 - A. The council members introduced themselves.
 - B. R. Brown asked if a council member is not able to attend a GEC meeting to make sure to send an alternate to the meeting in their place.
 - C. R. Brown explained the purpose of the GEC.
- IV. Approve Minutes of 7/23/2012
 - A. M. Houser made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/23/2012 and S. Beebe seconded the motion. Council members unanimously agreed.
 - B. There were several spelling corrections that needed to be made to the 7/23/2012 minutes.
- V. Planning of Responsibilities for 2012-2013
 - A. Reviewed Background Information for General Education Council handouts. R. Brown discussed the General Education Core Curriculum Recommendations that was adopted on June 25, 2012 by the General Education Council.
 - A question was asked about when the core curriculum changes go into effect, would the changes be governed by the catalog year? R. Brown explained that it would be governed by the catalog year and a student could request through their academic advisor to change their catalog year. R. Brown explained that a student would have to complete all degree requirements if he or she decided to change their catalog year.
 - A question was asked about when the deadline would be for proposals of new courses to be added to the core curriculum. R. Brown explained that proposals from Health and Human Performance (HHP) and Science courses would be considered sooner than other proposals since the courses were part of the current core curriculum.

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- B. Reviewed the General Education Mission Statements for 2014
 - C. Reviewed General Education Component Statements for 2014
 - D. Reviewed GEC Component Tables for new courses 2014
 - E. R. Brown reviewed the new areas of the core curriculum:
Communication, Mathematics, Life & Physical Sciences, Language,
Philosophy & Culture, Creative Arts, American History,
Government/Political Science, Social & Behavioral Sciences
- VI. Volunteers for 8 Component and Tables statements (currently 5)
- VII. Role of GEC in working with departments on Assessment strategies
- A. S. Beebe and M. Houser passed out and explained Assessing the 2014 General Education Core Curriculum handout. S. Beebe explained that this is the first draft. R. Brown explained that there would be more discussion about this in more detail at the next meeting.
 - B. R. Brown recommended the council make subcommittees and suggested that they look at two things before the next meeting: 1) Does this model look good? and 2) Are we hitting the right expectations from your college's perspectives for direct and indirect assessment?
- VIII. Develop assessment strategies and expectations
- A. The CLA Questions linked to THECB Core Objectives handout was passed out. This will start this year (Fall 2012). Freshmen who participate will receive fifty dollars and seniors who participate will receive one hundred dollars.
 - B. Suggestion was made that students may not know what courses are considered outside of their major and to maybe be more specific with the wording to include "General Education courses." R. Brown explained that the questions could be modified.
 - C. R. Brown asked if anyone on the council would like to see the CLA and recommended since the meeting on October 8, 2012 was cancelled that the council members could use that time to go to the Testing, Research Support & Evaluation Center to see the CLA. There was also a recommendation to have Dr. Gail Ryser (Director of the Testing, Research Support & Evaluation Center) attend a GEC meeting to discuss the CLA.
 - D. R. Brown asked that the council members act as liaisons to their colleges about the changes to the General Education Core Curriculum.
- IX. Discuss Temporary Moratorium on additions to current General Education Core Curriculum

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- A. L. Harney made a motion for a temporary moratorium on additions to the current General Education Core Curriculum and G. Passty seconded the motion. Council members unanimously agreed to the motion. The only exception will be from HHP and Science courses with labs.

- X. Intern suggestions for work with General Education Council
 - A. R. Brown introduced Temple Carter and explained her role as the intern for the General Education Council. Temple briefly described her long-term interest in issues related to general education. He explained that she wants to help with the web presence of the General Education Council. He requested suggestions for other initiatives that Temple might initiate on behalf of the Council.

- XI. Other Items for 2012-2013
 - A. B. Wuest explained that, when the new core curriculum changes begin, degree programs would gain hours and Dr. Debra Thorne is trying to find out what the turn around time will be for our approval so departments know what changes they can make to their degree programs.

- XII. G. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting and J. Bible second the motion. Council members unanimously agreed.

- XIII. Meeting concluded at 4:46 p.m.