

General Education Council Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2017
3:30pm, JCK 880

Attendees: Brown (Chair), Allsup, Bondoc, Booth, Erhart, Farris, Hamilton, Hindson, Lochman (in place of Hanks), Pizer, Russian, Stern (in place of Passty), Supancic, Vacaflor Rivero, White, Wilson, Cathy Lamm (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Gonzales, Hanks (ex), Hawkins, Jones, Passty (ex)

Guests: Micky Autrey, Beth Wuest

Welcome and introductions were made. It was noted that Stern will be filling in for Passty for the spring semester and welcomed the new student representative, Bondoc, in place of Schlott.

Brown provided a strudel as appreciation of the Council's efforts and White brought sodas.

The minutes of January 23, 2017, were presented for approval. Pizer moved to approve the minutes of January 23, 2017, seconded by Erhart. Motion passed unanimously.

Wuest held discussion of the new SACSCOC college standards. She advised that the SACSCOC reaffirmation will be in 2020; however, the report will be submitted in 2019. She advised there are two standards the Council will have to address that will specifically define General Education. She also informed there are three pieces that the General Education curriculum will need to address: 1) has to be a substantial part of undergraduate degree; 2) has to ensure a breadth of knowledge; and 3) it is based on some sort of coherent rationale - needs to be at least 30 hours, and cover humanity, behavioral science and mathematics. Hindson inquired whether other institutions in other regions have General Education. Wuest responded that most of other accrediting agencies align with our General Education requirements. She noted that General Education outcomes used to be by a separate requirement, but reported it will be the same as others regarding methods, results, etc. Wuest thanked the Council for keeping General Education outcomes in order.

In response to a question from Wilson, it was noted that the General Education subcommittee on assessments will review assessment results at the June meeting. Wuest reported that Institutional Research has a lot of data on General Education courses and their retention rates.

Hamilton objected to discussion of item 5 on the Agenda as a decision was made at the last meeting and she does not think the GEC should decide how it should be handled. Brown insisted that the issue be revisited as he had indicated at last meeting. A handout of a student transcript from McClellan Community College showed that the student completed ENG 1301 and SPCH 1315 as part of the Communication component 010 to satisfy this component on the transcript. In prior handouts, there were institutions (McClellan CC among them) which reported SPCH 1315 in 010 and in 090. At the previous meeting, Bolch recommended SPCH

1315 be moved to satisfy Texas State's COMM 1310 in the best interest of the student. Brown advised that in conversation with Asst. Commissioner of the Coordinating Board Peebles (1/13/2017), such courses with two component categories could be included in either category, but the student should have the final decision.

Hamilton reminded the Council that the advisors cannot currently get through all of the course requests and did not think that General Education Council has the right to discuss the processes of how they are doing advising. Pizer concurred. Brown recommended Hamilton be liaison with Bolch to discuss possibilities. Hamilton reminded that Bolch's view was that more students were being disadvantaged from taking classes twice. Supancic recommended to collect data on the number of students who have been affected. Brown inquired if the Council should address other possible additions of 090, as Texas State's is restrictive. Autrey inquired as to how advisors would notice a duplicate class and also how the student would know they are taking a duplicate class. Hamilton reiterated the Council should really look at the affordability aspect. Pizer advised that federal law is also being violated. It was noted that Bolch suggested all of the classes go towards COMM 1310. Hamilton moved that all SPCH 1315 be automatically coded as 090, unless not coded 090 from the sending institution. Wilson would like noted there will not be problems with coding. Erhart recommended forwarding concerns to Bolch about the automation process. Hamilton called the question, it was noted that Supancic opposed. Motion passed. Brown will move to report the recommendation to the Provost and to Bolch.

Autrey informed the Council that the General Education Core Curriculum in the CIM program will take about four weeks to get in place, after Provost approval. It will be implemented soon, but probably not by spring registration, although she advised that students can sign up for courses through CIM after spring registration.

Brown advised that the Honors College course proposal form will be discussed at the next meeting as Dr. Galloway is now requesting the course be implemented for the fall of 2017. There was concern that the course may not be able to be implemented until spring 2018 as it will be a test course for CIM. Autrey advised they will most likely not be able to make the new Honors course available for March registration, but possible April and thereafter for fall registration. It was noted there is concern the course will not make if not available sooner as Honors courses fill quickly.

Brown advised there was one other issue related to this core curriculum, and courses in 090 generally, Kambra Bolch stated that COMM 1310 should be listed as 091 and English Literature should be listed as 094, which seemed to be appropriate with Rex Peebles. If done, Brown noted that a student who takes COMM 1310 at Texas State will code as 091.

Autrey advised that the vendor is working on providing a General Education drop-down menu as requested, which should be done by the fall semester.

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