

**General Education Council (GEC)
Minutes – Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Brett Elliott at 3:01 pm.

Members present: Brett Elliott (Director of General Education), Luana Antuono, Rebecca Doyal Meyer, Kathleen Hardgrove, Courtney Jackson, Jamie Knapp, Steve McKim, Crystal Moore, Hal Poovey, Patrick Reardon, Michael Reed, Kate Stubbs, Sandra Thomas,

Members absent: Jessica Daniel, Robert Howard, Ying Chou Lin, Brad Ludrick, Glenn Melancon, John Van Bebber

I. Introduction of Council Members

- We went around the room and introduced ourselves.

II. Approval of minutes from September meeting:

- Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Hal Poovey, seconded by Michael Reed, and unanimously passed.

III. Old business:

A. 2016 – 2017 ACT Linkage Report

- Brett explained the report. Science and Reading are up. English and Math down. The current goal is set at 80%. In the past six years of the data reviewed, that goal has never been met in any of these areas.
- The ACT CAAP is being phased out by March 2018.

B. Regents' Pathways in Math

- Brett explained the Regents' desire to have 4 math pathways. We already have three and are only missing the Statistics pathway. A Statistics pathway course could require the removal of College Algebra as a pre-requisite. The possibility of adding a Statistics course to Gen. Ed. was discussed.

IV. New business:

A. Communicating via Blackboard and/or Microsoft 365

- Brett shared that he and Christala had set up a GEC Blackboard. It appears to be unavailable to the other GEC members. Brett will work on that with Christala.
- Crystal explained the functionality of Microsoft 365 and how it could serve the needs of the GEC.

B. Assessment of New Outcomes

- Brett shared his conversation with Bryon about whether or not HLC requires nationally standardized exams. The consensus was that while HLC does not require nationally standardized exams as assessment, Bryon believes that some should be nationally

standardized and the ETS seems the most likely choice.

- We had an introductory conversation of the cost of ACT vs ETS.
- After discussing the best way to proceed, the conclusion was made that most of the outcomes were probably already being assessed. The next step is:
 - Brett will meet with the Department Chairs to gather information and report back in November.
 - Other council members will investigate in their own areas and report back in November.

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm.

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