

General Education Council (GEC)
Minutes – Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Dean Scoufos at 3:28pm.

Members present: Lucretia Scoufos (Chair), Brett Elliott, Wilma Shires, Brad Ludrick, Robert Howard, John Van Bebber, Jamie Knapp, Glenn Melancon, Hal Poovey, Kathleen Hardgrove, Margaret Avard, Michael Reed, Marc White, Sandra Thomas, Crystal Jensen, Ying Chou Lin, and Nathan Price (Student), Chance Wimberley (Student), Sheridan Shewbirt(Student).

Guests present: Blythe Duell, Alistair Maeer, Vickie Hudson, Robin Plumb, Charla Hall, Bryon Clark, Teresa Golden

Since there were several guests present everyone introduced themselves.

Blythe Duell addressed the Council with regards to the recommendation to eliminate wellness as one of our General Education Goals. She pointed out that having a wellness goal is consistent with Southeastern's mission. She gave two possible learning objectives for a wellness goal. Glenn Melancon pointed out that the wording of these objectives were not in line with the wording of our other objectives but that the Council would be willing to work with the Psychology and HPER departments to collectively come up with a properly worded goal.

Jamie Knapp made a motion to keep wellness as one of our goals. The motion was seconded by Brett Elliott and passed unanimously. The Outcomes team will meet and work on the wording of the wellness goal and present it to the Council at the next meeting for potential approval.

Alistair Maeer addressed the Council with regards to "Themed General Education". He explained what it was, and gave some examples of other universities that are using it and what it might look like on our campus.

There was much discussion but no decisions were made about whether we should move towards such an idea. Dr. Scoufos reiterated that the subject is not closed, but for the sake of time, the topic was effectively tabled for the time being.

Team Reports

Syllabi Team:

Wilma Shires reported for the Syllabi Team. She said the team had met with all the chairs and/or faculty members whose syllabi were not found to be acceptable, and they had all agreed to make the necessary changes.

Courses Team:

Michael Reed reported for the Courses Team. The team is recommending that PHYS 2015 and HUM 2453 be removed from the list of approved general education courses. The Council asked the Courses Team to contact, as a courtesy, the appropriate department chairs to get their opinion on these courses being removed. The team will do that and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

Outcomes Team:

Hal Poovey reported that the Outcomes Team had not met.

It was decided that the next General Education Council meeting would be at 3:30pm on Monday, March 7 in R300.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.
Minutes by Dr. Brett Elliott