

General Education Council (GEC)
Minutes – Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Brett Elliott at 3:00 pm.

Members present: Brett Elliott (Director of General Education), Steve McKim, Robert Howard, Glenn Melancon, Ying Chou Lin, Brad Ludrick, Hal Poovey, Michael Reed, Sandra Thomas, John Van Bebber

Members absent: Kathleen Hardgrove, Jamie Knapp, Patrick Reardon, Crystal Moore, Kate Stubbs

I. Introduction of Council Members

- Since there were a few new members, everyone introduced themselves.

II. Election of Recorder

Kathleen Hardgrove was re-elected as recorder, but since she could not be at the first meeting, Brett will check to see if she is willing to serve once again.

III. Approval of minutes from April meeting:

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

IV. Old business:

- The revised goals and outcomes proposal has been approved by the University President. VP Clark says that we can proceed with the new set of goals and outcomes and they will be listed in the new catalog.

V. New business:

- Brett shared the latest linkage report with the council. The linkage report compares students' ACT scores from high school with their ACT CAAP scores in Math, Science, Reading and English. Our goal has been for 80% of the students to either stay in the same quartile or move up. This goal was not met in any of the 4 areas (but was very close in Math at 79%) There was a lot of discussion about why that is, and the general consensus is that the ACT CAAP exam is being taken too early, often before the student has even completed one class in the tested area. Brett will talk to Bryon about what we can do about this and find out how much the university pays for the ACT CAAP.
- Brett informed the council of the Regents' desire for universities in Oklahoma to offer different "pathways" in math general education. They are pushing for 4 different pathways – the usual algebra/calculus pathway, but also a modeling pathway (Algebra for the Sciences would fit the bill for us), a quantitative reasoning pathway (Math in Liberal Arts), and statistics. For Southeastern to meet all 4 pathways, it would mean

adding a statistics pathway which would mean adding statistics as a general education course. Brett and Charles Matthews will attend a pathways meeting in Edmond on Friday, September 15 and Brett will report back to the council.

- The dates and times for the future fall meetings of the GEC were set to be on Wednesdays at 3pm on October 11 and November 8.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

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