

General Education Council
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021

1. The second meeting for Fall Semester 2021 for the General Education Council was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 3:00 pm in R318 and via Zoom with the chair of the council being present.
2. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm and a quorum was present.
3. Attendance:
 - Brett Elliott Todd Williams Hal Poovey
 - Rolando Diaz Ying Lin Linda Bressler
 - Erica Corbett Stan Alluisi Michael Reed
 - Charles Matthews Jamie Knapp Kathleen Hardgrove
 - Glenn Melancon Sandra Thomas Michael Scheuerman
 - Viviana Limon Randy Prus
4. Approval of minutes from the October 13, 2021 meeting: a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Erica Corbett and seconded by Stan Alluisi and passed unanimously.
5. Old Business
 - a. Brett addressed a charge made by Jamie Knapp: Do sister institutions have a foreign language requirement?
 - i. **UCO** and **OU** require a course in a foreign language or if the student can show proficiency in a second language from either 2 years of the language in high school or through a proficiency test, then they can take an alternate course.
 - ii. The following Universities and Colleges can avoid the foreign language component entirely:
 1. Universities: East Central, Northeastern, Northwestern, Southwestern, Cameron University, Eastern Oklahoma, and Oklahoma State University
 2. Colleges: Grayson, Paris Junior, College and North Central Texas College
 - iii. Collin College and Murray State College do not require a foreign language and it is not listed as an option in their Gen Ed program.
 - b. At the previous meeting, Rolando Diaz had a motion to change Subcategory 3-foreign language component of the Humanities section from the current 0-3 hours, which allows students to not take a foreign language, to a mandatory 3 hours; thereby changing that section to 3 hours - Humanities, 3 hours - Fine Arts and 3 hours - Foreign Language. After much discussion and debate, a motion was made by Charles Matthews and seconded by Linda Bressler to table the discussion. Twelve were in favor of tabling the motion.

- i. Randy Prus was a guest today and he added additional background information concerning this language requirement.
 - ii. Rolando Diaz made a motion to un-table his motion from the previous meeting.
 - iii. The Council revisited the many issues raised concerning this request. It was decided that there didn't seem to be enough support.
 - iv. Jamie Knapp called the question. The motion was defeated 11-1.
6. New Business: There was no new business
7. A motion to adjourn was made by Brett Elliott and seconded by Sandra Thomas at 3:53.