

General Education Council (GEC)
Minutes – Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Dean Scoufos at 4:00pm.

Members present: Lucretia Scoufos (Chair), Brett Elliott, Brandon Burnette, Hal Poovey, Wilma Shires, Brad Ludrick, Robert Howard, Robert McFadden, Steve Smith, Michael Reed, Kathleen Hardgrove, Jamie Knapp

Members absent: Mo Chehbouni (in class), Susan Morrison, Chance Wimberly

Everyone introduced themselves. Then we were reminded which team we volunteered for at our last meeting in April. The only new member present was Jamie Knapp and at his request he was moved from the Syllabi team to the Courses team.

The current makeup of the teams is as follows:

Syllabi team – Wilma Shires, Robert McFadden, Kathleen Hardgrove and a student appointee.

Outcomes team – Hal Poovey, Brad Ludrick, Glen Melancon, Susan Morrison, John Van Bebber and a student appointee.

Courses team – Michael Reed, Brett Elliott, Brandon Burnett, Robert Howard, Steve Smith, Jamie Knapp and a student appointee.

Dr. Scoufos distributed the HLC PEAQ Comprehensive Evaluation Report with all portions involving general education highlighted in yellow for our perusal and discussion.

Dr. Hardgrove agreed to start the process of reducing the number of general education outcomes.

Dr. Scoufos asked for volunteers to lead the three teams. Dr. Shires agreed to lead the Syllabi team, Dr. Poovey will head up the Outcomes team, and Dr. Reed will be in charge of the Courses team.

Then we discussed the charges of the three teams. The Syllabi team will be looking for consistency in the general education course syllabi. The Outcomes team will be addressing HLC recommendations to reduce the number of general education outcomes. The Courses team will be addressing HLC recommendations to reduce the number of general education courses.

After a long discussion, it was agreed that the three teams should meet separately to discuss these charges and then report back to the Council at the next monthly meeting. We agreed to continue meeting one Wednesday per month at 4pm (on a Wednesday that does not conflict with Faculty Senate meetings) pending what Dr. Scoufos hears back from Drs. Morrison and Chehbouni about their schedules. It was suggested that if a member cannot make the meeting time, they could send a proxy from their department in their place.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.
Minutes by Dr. Brett Elliott