

**General Education Council
Minutes – October 28, 2009**

Call to Order: 1:35pm.

Members Present: Bryon Clark (chair), Brett Elliott, Betty Clay, Dick Hackett, Nancy Hill, Jane Elder, Kay Daigle, Brad Ludrick, Mark Spencer, Halet Poovey, Robert McFadden, Chip Weiner

Approval of Minutes: Halet Poovey made a motion that the minutes from the March meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Robert McFadden and passed unanimously.

Introductions: Because there were new members on the committee, everyone introduced themselves.

HLC Visit: Dr. Clark reminded us that the Higher Learning Commission would be visiting in 2013 and that there was a monitoring report required for the General Education Program the last time they visited. He believes that we are in much better shape now than we were then, but he encouraged us to not become complacent and to continue on with the progress we have made.

Assessment of Levels of Implementation: Dr. Clark shared with the committee the results of the “Levels of Implementation” survey given to department chairs. The survey includes eight patterns of characteristics and each one is ranked from 1 (lowest level of implementation) to 5 (highest level of implementation).

Our benchmark is for the average across departments to be a 4 or above. We achieved this for the first time in 2009. There are still some individual departments, however, that have scores of 2 or 3 on one or more of the categories. Dr. Clark plans to meet with those departments to see what we can do to help in those areas.

A concern was brought up that some departments may just rank themselves harder than other departments. Dr. Clark responded that he had met with all of the chairs in order to assure a certain level of uniformity in the scoring.

GEC oversight of the BGS: Dr. Clark presented a proposed change in the function statement of the General Education Council. The crux of the change is that the oversight of the Bachelor of General Studies degree will now be the responsibility of the GEC.

After much discussion about various aspects of the proposal, Brett Elliott made a motion to approve it and send it on to the Faculty Senate for their consideration. The motion was seconded by Brad Ludrick and passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be sometime in late November or early December.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.