

**General Education Council
Minutes – April 26, 2012**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Dr. Bryon Clark at 3:05pm in R300

Present: Bryon Clark (filling in for Chair Jerry Polson), Brett Elliott, Lawrence Silver, Dick Hackett, Mark Spencer, Halet Poovey, Robert McFadden, John Van Bebber, Steve McKim, Betty Clay, Jane Elder, Lacinda Brese and Lucretia Scoufos.

Old Business: Previously there had been discussion that the category of “Foreign Languages” in the general education requirements should be changed to “World Languages”. One reason for this was the addition of the Choctaw language to the category. Choctaw is native to this area and thus is not really “foreign”. Brett Elliott made a motion that the change be made and the motion was seconded by Robert McFadden and after discussion was passed unanimously.

New Business: Southeastern has recently undergone reorganization and there is now a single Dean of Instruction (currently Dr. Lucretia Scoufos) over all academic programs. Dr. Clark said that it would be appropriate for this new dean to be the Ex-officio Chair of this Council. Robert McFadden made a motion that Lucretia Scoufos replace Jerry Polson as Ex-officio Chair of the General Education Council. Dick Hackett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Future Business: Dr. Clark noted that because of the upcoming HLC visit and the recent administrative reorganization, this is a transition time at Southeastern, and it might be a good time, over the next year or two, to reexamine our general education program. What direction would we like to go? Is there a better structure than what we currently have? Would we want to link the categories of our general education program to the HLC criteria? Would we like to have a “Writing Across the Curriculum” type requirement?

He reminded us that there are certain components that our general education program must have as dictated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. He also informed us that the university recently invested in new assessment management system software called TaskStream.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm

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