

General Education Council
Minutes of Meeting
21 September 2004

Council Members Present: Jim Cunningham, Jane Elder, Steven Emge, Pam Fahrendorf (proxy for Betty Clay), Dick Hackett, Linda Kallam, Brad Ludrick, Shannon McGraw, John Mischo, Patty Pool, John Can Topuz, Chip Weiner (ex officio), Bryon Clark (Chair)

Council Members Absent: Gleny Beach, Steve McKim, Gene Hetsel, Charles Price, Cherrie Wilmoth, and Sharon Morrison

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm.

Introductions:

New and old members of the General Education Council (GEC) introduced themselves; new members on the GEC are Gleny Beach, John Topuz, Patty Pool, and Jane Elder.

Brief History:

Bryon Clark provided a brief history of the GEC to inform especially the new members of its function and activities. Included in the history was a description and requirements of the monitoring report due to the Higher Learning Commission on 30 June 2007.

Draft of Assessment Plan:

Bryon Clark provided GEC with a draft copy of an assessment plan for General Education for the members to consider and discuss (see General Education Outcomes attachment). Members were requested to discuss material with other faculty and present proposed changes at the next meeting. The proposed assessment plan included the overall goals of general education as well as specific outcomes for each goal. The plan included assessment procedures and benchmarking at both the department and university level.

Potential Changes in General Education Program:

Bryon Clark provided GEC with a draft copy of potential changes in the General Education Program as well as potential curricular goals for General Education for members to consider and discuss. Members were requested to emphasize accomplishing the assessment plan and benchmarking first so not to detract from accomplishing the requirements of the monitoring report. Potential changes in the General Education Program included topics such as course sequencing; minimum GPA in courses and program; new survey instruments to be used at the University level; development of an exit survey; class size requirements; structure and grading of certain types of courses; types of faculty teaching General Education courses. Members were asked to discuss this material with other faculty and present comments at the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for 3:00 pm on 5 October 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.