

**General Education Council (GEC)
Minutes – Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Brett Elliott at 3:00 pm.

Members present: Brett Elliott (Director of General Education), Luana Antuono, Rebecca Doyal Meyer, Courtney Jackson, Jamie Knapp, Steve McKim, Crystal Moore, Hal Poovey, Patrick Reardon, Michael Reed, Kate Stubbs, Sandra Thomas, Robert Howard, Brad Ludrick, Glenn Melancon, John Van Bebbler

Members absent: Kathleen Hardgrove, Jessica Daniel, Ying Chou Lin

I. Approval of minutes from October meeting:

It was pointed out that 3 members were listed as both “present” and “absent” in the minutes of the October meeting. Also, the minutes referred to the previous meeting as the “April” meeting and it should have been “September”. With these corrections, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Brad Ludrick, seconded by Sandra Thomas, and unanimously passed.

II. Old business:

A. Assessment of New Outcomes

It has been decided that we will try out the ETS Proficiency Profile as a replacement for the ACT CAAP exam (which is being phased out). We will give the exam for the first time on assessment day in October of 2018. Other details (how many students will be tested, how will they be chosen, will they take the test with paper and pencil or on a computer, etc.) are still being worked out.

Brett met or corresponded with each of the chairs (some in person, some via email) with regards to how they plan to assess the new general education outcomes that are in their area. A couple of the chairs are still working on this but we are getting close to having it completed. See attached document.

Brett mentioned that the regents would like for the regional universities to do a more longitudinal assessment of students, sort of a “value-added” measurement. So we will need to assess students at multiple levels. There was much discussion about how we could accomplish this. Would we track individual students? What about those that drop out? Would we really give a general education assessment to a senior that maybe hasn’t had a general education course in 2 years?

III. New business:

A. Academic Partnerships

Brett had a meeting last week with Bryon Clark, Tim Boatman and Jeni Maple with regards to general education courses being offered in the AP (Academic Partnerships) format (7 weeks, completely online, 6 start dates). After the success of the online MBA offered through AP, there are now several undergraduate programs that are going to be offered through AP. These programs approached the administration about offering their degrees via AP and the President approved of the idea and Southeastern has already received the board's approval to proceed. It was in no way a decision that was made by the General Education Council.

Offering these undergraduate programs via AP means that students entering the programs through the AP portal will have to be able to complete all of their general education courses online. In nearly every general education category, there is already at least one 8-week online option. Those courses will have to be converted to 7-weeks and in the few areas where there is not one, one will have to be created.

There was much discussion and many concerns about this. Brett will try to compile the council members' concerns, questions and suggestions and pass them along to Bryon.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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