

**General Education Council (GEC)
Minutes – Wednesday, April 16, 2014**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Dean Scoufos at 3:45pm.

Members present: Lucretia Scoufos (Chair), Brett Elliott, Brandon Burnett, Hal Poovey, Wilma Shires, Brad Ludrick, Robert Howard, Robert McFadden, Cody Bogard, Mo Chehbouni, Kristen Morgan, Steve Smith, Michael Reed, Kathleen Hardgrove

Considering the Personal Finance course

The council considered a proposal from the School of Business to add the course *FIN2633: Personal Finance* to the list of approved general education courses. It was noted that the proposal had already been conditionally approved by the Curriculum Committee and that if it were passed by this council it would then proceed to the Academic Council for final approval.

Dr. Steve Smith presented the rationale for this proposal. It was pointed out that in the past, for a course to be approved for general education credit, a course syllabus had to be provided. The decision was made that we could approve the course with the understanding that Dr. Smith would provide the council with a syllabus at a later date that outlined what general education outcomes this course would satisfy and how progress towards those outcomes would be assessed.

The council also changed the wording of the request from “FIN 2633 will be designated as a general education **requirement**” to “FIN 2633 will be designated as a general education **elective**” and removed the phrase “for all Southeastern students”. After some discussion about where the course would fit in the list of general education courses, it was decided that it was not our job to place the course, but simply decide if we approved of the course as a general education course. It was decided that the council did indeed approve of this course as a general education course.

Higher Learning Commission

Since not all council members were able to attend the meeting with the Higher Learning Commission in February, a summary of that meeting was given by Kathleen Hardgrove. In particular we discussed the Commission’s concern with the DFW rate of online courses vs. face to face courses. We also discussed the fact that the Commission felt we have too many general education outcomes (47) and that we need to pare that number down to something much more manageable.

Teams

The council decided that we needed to form the three teams listed on the next page. Each council member present stated their preference for which team they preferred and were assigned accordingly. One student member will be added to each of the teams once they are appointed next fall.

1. Syllabi team – this will be the team responsible for evaluating the syllabi of existing and newly created general education courses. The team will consist of:

Mo Chehbouni, Kathleen Hardgrove, Robert McFadden, Wilma Shires, a Behavioral Sciences appointee, and a student appointee.

2. Outcomes team – this will be the team responsible for reducing the number of general education outcomes from 47 to something more manageable. The team will consist of:

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

3. Courses team – this will be the team responsible for reducing the number of general education courses. The team will consist of:

Michael Reed, Brett Elliott, Brandon Burnett, Robert Howard, Steve Smith and a student appointee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11pm.
Minutes by Dr. Brett Elliott