

General Education Council (GEC)
Minutes – Thursday, April 23, 2015

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Dean Scoufos at 3:35pm.

Members present: Lucretia Scoufos (Chair), Brett Elliott, Brandon Burnette, Wilma Shires, Brad Ludrick, Robert Howard, Robert McFadden, Steve Smith, Michael Reed, Susan Morrison, Jamie Knapp, Mo Chehbouni, Glenn Melancon, Larry Prather. **Members absent:** Hal Poovey

Outcomes Team:

Glenn Melancon reported for the Outcomes Team. The team collaborated with Jamie Knapp in order to address his expressed concern from the last meeting that psychology was not adequately represented within the outcomes. As a result, the statement

“Students will demonstrate the ability to explain the factors that shape individual and group behavior.”

will be added to the “Social” category.

Melancon reported that critical thinking” was also eliminated as a goal but that it probably should be demonstrated by every general education course.

There was much discussion about the fact that the wellness goal was also removed by the Outcomes Team. Larry Prather pointed out that our new academic vision may help determine whether wellness should be a goal. It was mentioned that the Regents have certain requirements that we must follow. Dean Scoufos explained that those are minimum requirements and that we are allowed to exceed those requirements. Michael Reed indicated that his department will look into where wellness might fit in the new outcomes that are being developed.

The Outcomes Team was lauded for their hard work on reducing the number of outcomes. They pared the outcomes down from over 40 to just 12.

The team will continue to work on the outcomes taking into account the feedback from the Council as a whole.

Courses Team:

Michael Reed reported for the Courses Team. The team examined every course offering in general education. They found two courses, PHYS 2015 and HUM 2453, that have not been offered recently. They recommend removing these courses from general education, but leaving the course descriptions in the catalog.

The Courses Team was tasked with investigating why there are so many choices in Art and Theater in general education.

Syllabi Team:

Wilma Shires reported for the Syllabi Team. The team met with each of the department chairs and has been examining all of the syllabi for general education courses looking for inconsistencies. Shires reported that in her estimation over 90% of the syllabi look good.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.
Minutes by Dr. Brett Elliott