

General Education Council Meeting
January 20, 2016, KSU Marietta Campus, Room J161

Members Present: Lucie Viakinnou-Brinson (HSS: Foreign Languages); Tom Doleys (CHSS: Political Science); Letizia Guglielmo (HSS: English); Deborah Hutchinson (COTA: Arts & Design); Jan Phillips (CHSS: Communication); Amy Howton (CHHS: Health Promotion & Physical Ed.); Debarati Sen (HSS: Anthropology); Bruce Thomas (CSM: Mathematics); Seneca Vaught (CHSS: Interdisciplinary Studies); Cathy Bradford (First-Year Programs); Dorothy Kuykendal (English); Valmiki Sooklal (Mechanical Engineering); Erin Sutherland (Physics);

Ex-Officio: Valerie Whittlesey (Provost's office).

Visitors Present: Chris Hutt (University College)

- I. Valerie Whittlesey welcomed the council members to the Marietta campus.
- II. Minutes of the October 21 meeting.

There was a motion by Jan and a second by Amy to approve the November 18, 2015, meeting minutes. There was a unanimous yes voice vote to accept the minutes.

- III. Report on Core Course Proposals

Valerie Whittlesey reported that the Core Course proposals were submitted to the USG General Education Council for the February 19 GEC meeting.

- IV. Faculty Director of General Education.

The council members were reminded of the application deadline coming up on Friday.

- V. Gen. Ed. Assessment- Tom

Tom indicated that all is going well. The Critical Thinking team is looking at several third-party instruments to address assessment of the Critical Thinking overlay. The instruments will be delivered outside of classes, likely at the Testing Center. They will be administered during this (spring) semester. Both electronic and paper assessments will be included, and further evaluation will take place after the results are in.

- VI. Re-imagining the First Year of College

Val Whittlesey described KSU's role as one of 40 schools participating in the Re-imagining the First Year of College initiative. She reminded faculty to RSVP for the

luncheon January 26. George Mehaffy will also present to faculty senate, deans and others at 12:30.

VII. Gateway to Completion

Tom Doleys will roll off the Gateway to Completion initiative as co-chair. Scott Reese will co-chair with Val Whittlesey. There will be a USG cohort of G2C; 10 USG institutions, including KSU, are participating. There is a launch meeting in Macon on Feb. 3. Information is forthcoming.

VIII. Future GEC meetings

A proposal was made and approved that

- a. The February (Feb. 17) and March (March 16) meetings will be held at KSU North Campus and the April meeting (April 20) will be held at KSU South Campus
- b. In academic year 2016-2017, meetings will be held one semester at KSU South Campus and the other semester at KSU North Campus

The meeting was adjourned.