

General Education Council Meeting
April 20, 2016, KSU Kennesaw Campus, KH 1103

Members Present:); Tom Doleys (CHSS: Political Science); Edward Eanes (Music); Jan Phillips (CHSS: Communication); Amy Howton (CHHS: Health Promotion & Physical Ed.); Dorothy Kuykendal (Literature); Valmiki Sooklal (Mechanical Engineering); Erin Sutherland (Physics); Ryan Ronnenberg (History); Chris Totten (Criminal Justice); Sarah Holmes (Dance); Bruce Thomas (Math); Cathy Bradford (UC); Erin Sutherland (Physics); Corinne McNamara (Psychology); Debarati Sen (Anthropology)

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

Visitors Present: Chris Hutt (University College); Sarah Holliday (math); Scott Reese (CSM); Amy Vasinko (Academic Affairs), Chien-pin Li (CHSS)

- I. Valerie Whittlesey welcomed the council members
- II. Minutes of the February 17 meeting.

There was a motion by Dorothy and a second by Jan to approve the January 20, 2016, meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

- III. Report on Continuous Improvement at KSU

Jen Wells and Kevin Gwaltney reported on Continuous Improvement at KSU, using a customizable new platform to report assessment data. This could be used by the university, Gen Ed, or the individual disciplines to look at outcomes and assess the achievement of outcomes. The presenters encouraged any interested constituents to contact them for a demo and conversation.

- IV. Report on Gateways to Completion (G2C)

Scott, Assistant Dean of Science and Mathematics, and Val Whittlesey, co-Chairing the KSU initiative, reported on G2C. KSU is part of a 10-University USG cohort that began working with the John Gardner Institute In January, 2016. This is a 3-year initiative to address student learning and success (of outcomes, grades, retention and graduation). The goal of the Institute is to recruit and train faculty to make them and their courses more effective. Implementation is expected in Spring, 2017.

- V. Sarah Holliday will serve as Interim Faculty Director of Gen Ed beginning July 1, 2016. This is Val Whittlesey's last meeting as Ad Hoc Chair.
- VI. Changes to Core Areas B1 and E4

Adding ECON 1000 to Area B1, and Intro to Psychology, Sociology, Criminal Justice, Anthropology, Geography, and STS to Area E4 was approved by the USG General Education Council, effective fall, 2016. ECON 1100 will no longer be part of Gen Ed. Amy pointed out that departments may need to adjust prerequisites to reflect the changes. Bruce moved that the KSU GEC vote to approve these changes. Jan Phillips seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. USG GEC removed the requirement for overlays- critical thinking, global perspectives, and US perspectives. Tom Doleys pointed out that the GEC could choose to include them as outcomes.

VII. Congratulations were made to Margaret Baldwin- USG Teaching Excellence award

IX. Tom Doleys reported no issues to Gen Ed assessment. The assessment team is piloting some new methods for assessing critical thinking. The Council thanked Tom for his service to Gen Ed assessment, and Dr. Whittlesey for her leadership.

X. Val wished the Council a wonderful summer!!!