

General Education Council Meeting Minutes
Weds., April 20, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Leadership Room

Attendees: Margaret Baldwin (Arts; TPSD); Beth Daniell (HSS; English); Tom Doleys (HSS; Political Science); Edward Eanes (Arts; Music); Neysa Figueroa (HSS; Foreign Languages); Vanessa Slinger-Friedman (HSS; Geography); Amy Howton (HHS; HPS); Matt Laposata (SCM; Biology); Tim Mathews (COLES; Economics/Finance); Corinne McNamara (HSS; Psychology); Sandra Parks (Arts; TPSD); Jan Phillips (HSS; Communication); Terry Powis (HSS; Anthropology); Tom Pynn (HSS; Philosophy); Kristen Seaman (Arts; Visual Arts); Bruce Thomas (SCM; Mathematics/Statistics); Chris Totter (HSS; Criminal Justice); Linda Treiber (HHS; Sociology); Val Whittlesey (Academic Affairs; Nonvoting); Maurice Wilson (EDUC; Early Childhood).

1. Approval of GEC March 16 and 30 Minutes
This was a motion, second, and positive vote approving the minutes with an edit to the March 30 minutes.
2. AAC&U STEM Meeting
Joy was unable to make the GEC meeting due to class, so Matt provided a summary of the meeting for Joy.
3. Regent's Test Exemption Update- Beth
Beth indicated that the system office wants KSU to have some kind of mandatory remediation/support for students who fail ENGL 1101 and 1102. At least 200 students fail those two courses each semester, so some financial support will be needed to accommodate this request. Beth indicated that she and Mary Odom, Director of the Writing Lab, don't want to require failing students to attend the Writing Lab because those students resistant being there. Val indicated Ken Harmon would like an exemption for KSU that effective, fall of 2011. So Val will schedule a meeting of Beth, Bill Rice, & Rich Vengroff, Julia Morrissey, Becky Casey, Ralph Racati, and Ken Harmon to develop a proposal for mandatory remediation/support.
4. Faculty Coordinator for General Education Learning Outcomes Assessment (GELOA)
Val reviewed the proposal for a Faculty Coordinator for GELOA and asked for nominations. Tom Doleys was nominated and elected for the five-year position.
5. Criminal Justice GEC Member
Chris Totter was welcomed to the GEC representing Criminal Justice and the CRJU 2015 course.
6. Global Learning Assets and Gaps
The KSU-AAC&U team was asked to identify KSU's global learning assets and gaps, particularly relating to general education. The group used KSU's application for the Simon award for internationalization to identify KSU's global learning strengths. The group used the strengths to identify weaknesses.
7. KSU's Core Curriculum
This is no word yet.
8. Next GEC Meeting/Retreat- Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 9:00 - Noon
Margaret Baldwin and a colleague will do a presentation on strategies for engaging students in large classes. Also, the KSU-AAC&U team will summarize the AAC&U Summer Institute.

The meeting was adjourned.

