

General Education Council Meeting Minutes
Weds., Oct. 13, 2010, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Leadership Room

Attendees: Margaret Baldwin (COA; Theatre, Performance Studies and Dance), Marla Bell for Bruce Thomas (SCM; Math & Statistics), Joy Brookshire (SCM; Biology & Physics), Beth Daniell (HSS; English). Edward Eanes (COA; School of Music), Luc Guglielmi (HSS: Foreign Languages), Amy Howton (HHS; HPS), Corrine McNamara (HSS; Psychology), Huggins Msimanga (SCM; Chemistry), Sandra Parks (COA; Theatre, Performance Studies and Dance), Michael Patrono (COLES; Finance), Jan Phillips (HHS; Communication), Marie Powell (SCM; Math & Statistics), Terry Powis (HHS; Anthropology), Masako Racel (HSS; History), Kristen Seaman (Arts; Visual Arts), Vanessa Slinger-Friedman (HHS; Geography & Anthropology), David Thompson (UC; First Year Programs), Linda Treiber (HHS; Sociology & Criminal Justice), Maurice L. Wilson (BCOE; Elementary and Early Childhood) ; Val Whittlesey (Academic Affairs; Nonvoting)

Guests: Keisha Hoerrner (UC First Year Programs), Tom Pusateri (CETL), John C. Smith (Registrar)

1. USG Core Curriculum Workshop Overview

Val, Tom, and Amy discussed the urgency of getting KSU's core curriculum proposal reviewed on campus during fall semester in order to have the proposal reviewed by the USG General Education Council during spring of 2011. Some of the guidelines for developing learning outcomes and overlay requirements were provided at the workshop:

- Learning outcomes will be reviewed using the following criteria: a) are the outcomes a college-level competency, b) do the outcomes advance the core area, c) are the outcome measurable.
- Institutions should try to limit the number of learning outcomes and overlay requirements so that assessment is not overwhelming.
- Institutions should watch the use of "and," "or," and "and/or."

2. New Core Curriculum Draft Proposal

The General Education Council made the following changes/edits to the draft proposal:

- Area A1
 - **Action Item:** Beth and Tom will tweak the Written Communication and Reading Comprehension learning outcomes.
 - **Action Item:** The Critical Thinking learning outcome will be added as a 3rd learning outcome, and Beth will tweak it.
- Area B
 - The Social Sciences learning outcome will be moved here.
- Area D
 - **Action Item:** Vanessa, Huggins, and Joy will tweak the Natural Sciences learning outcome.
 - The Computational Sciences learning outcome will be deleted.
- Area E
 - The US Perspectives learning outcome will be moved here.
- Overlays
 - POLS 1101 will assess the US Perspectives learning outcome.
 - The COTA 1107 courses will assess the Global Perspectives learning outcome.
 - ENGL 1102 will assess the Critical Thinking learning outcome.

3. 1st Reading Motion, Second, and Vote

There was a motion, second and positive vote to accept the learning outcomes and overlays with the changes/edits listed above. Val will make sure that the updated Core Curriculum proposal is distributed to the General Education Council members prior to the Oct. 20 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

