

General Education Council Meeting Minutes
Weds., April 18, 2012
Leadership Room

Attendees:

Voting members: Margaret Baldwin (ARTS; TPS); Tom Doleys (HSS; Political Science); Amy Howton (HHS; HPS); Matt Laposata (CSM; Biology); Noah McLaughlin (HSS; Foreign Languages); Huggins Msimanga (CSM: Chemistry); Sandra Parks (ARTS; TPS and Dance); Jan Phillips (HSS; Communication); Nancy Pullen (HSS; Geography); Tom Pynn (HSS; Philosophy); Gail Scott (HSS; Psychology); Bruce Thomas (CSM; Mathematics); Chris Totten (HSS; Criminal Justice); David Thompson (UC; First Year Programs).

Guests: Jesse Benjamin (Interdisciplinary Studies); Tom Pusateri (CETL).

Other Non-Voting Members: Val Whittlesey (Academic Affairs).

The meeting was called to order by Val Whittlesey. Members were reminded to sign the attendance sheet. There was a review of the March 21 meeting minutes. There was a motion to accept the minutes, and there was a second. Motion passed by voice vote.

KSU NSSE Presentation- Gen. Ed Data

Jennifer Wells presented the 2004, 2005, 2008, and 2011 NSSE general education data (NSSE item #11). At each administration, KSU's first year students and senior year students were surveyed. Results indicated that students rated their learning higher on skills such as: acquiring a broad general education; acquiring job and work-related skills; writing clearly and effectively; speaking clearly and effectively; thinking clearly and analytically; analyzing quantitative problems; using computing and information technology; and working effectively with others. Students rated their learning lower on engagement experiences such as: voting in national, state, or local elections; learning effectively on own; understanding self; developing a personal code of ethics; contributing to the welfare of the community; and developing a sense of spirituality. There was a significant growth from 2004 to 2011 for "understanding of people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds." This demonstrates the impact of KSU's QEP, global learning for engaged citizenship.

Jennifer Wells and Jennifer Priestley agreed to return to the August GEC retreat to present KSU's 2011 NSSE data for the other survey items. For those items, KSU is benchmarked against: USG institutions and institutions in KSU's Carnegie classification.

GE Program Description, Learning Outcomes, and Course Requirements

Margaret outlined the draft proposal for the undergraduate catalog. She and Karen eliminated some of the repetition in the description of the General Education program. Also, the learning outcomes were not separated into core areas. There was a motion and second to approve this new section of the general education program in the

undergraduate catalog. The vote was 14 (yes) and 0 (no). The GEC decided another reading of this proposal was not needed.

GE Course Syllabus Template

The GEC decided on the following language for general education course syllabi.

This course is a Kennesaw State University general education requirement and addresses the general education learning outcome(s) listed below:

[Insert appropriate general education learning outcome(s) here]

For more information about KSU's general education program, please visit

[Insert the link to the section on the general education program in the undergraduate catalog]

Noah said it is important to place this information in the faculty handbook and on the Academic Affairs webpage in a way that faculty can easily copy and paste this information into their course syllabi.

There was a motion and second to approve this general education course syllabus template. The vote was 14 (yes) and 0 (no). The GEC decided another reading of this proposal was not needed.

GEC Structure Issues

Three new courses have been proposed to the USG Gen. Ed Council: MATH 1190 (core area A), AMST 1102 (core area B), and IT 2101 (core area D). Mathematics is already represented on the GEC. The Interdisciplinary Studies department wants to add an IDS representative rather than an AMST representative because IDS plans to propose other courses to the gen. ed. program (core area B). IT 2101 will be housed in First Year Programs. The GEC decided to amend First Year Program's representation on the GEC to "A Coordinator or Director of First Year Programs" to allow them maximum flexibility in selecting their representative.

There was a motion and second to approve these amendments to the GEC structure. The vote was 14 (yes) and 0 (no). The GEC decided another reading of this proposal was not needed.

General Education Assessment

Tom indicated that he has all core area B & C DACs identified except for History, and the History DAC will be selected soon. Val indicated that she would send the draft IRB proposal to Tom and all of the DACs who have been identified so far.

General Education Video

Margaret indicated that shooting of the gen. ed. video will occur in late April and early May. President Papp will shoot a cameo for the video.

Suggestions for Aug. Retreat

Val will invite Dr. Donna Gessell (North GA College and State Univ.) to our August retreat. Donna was on the steering committee that developed the AAC&U VALUE rubrics.

The meeting was adjourned.