

General Education Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February, 2014  
3:30 – 5:00 pm  
Burruss Building, Room 368

Voting Members: Margaret Baldwin (COTA; Theatre and Performance Studies); Natalie Berry (COTA; Dance); Cathy Bradford (UC; FYTS); Tom Doleys (HSS; Political Science); David Johnson II (HHS; ESSM); Matt Lapasota (CSM; Biology); Susan Rouse for Tom Pynn (HSS; Philosophy); Kristen Seaman (COTA; Art & Design); Bruce Thomas (CSM; Mathematics/Statistics); Guichun Zong (Bagwell; SMGE).

Nonvoting Members: Valerie Whittlesey (Academic Affairs)

I. Minutes of Jan. 15 GEC Meeting

There was a motion and second to accept the meeting minutes following by a unanimous “yes” voice vote.

II. Campus Culture and Climate Survey

This is the first comprehensive campus culture and climate survey of KSU’s students, staff, and faculty. The survey opens on Feb. 19 and will stay open for two weeks. Since many GEC members coordinate their gen. ed. courses and have access to many of KSU’s PT faculty, Val encouraged the GEC to take the survey and to ask PT faculty and students to take the survey.

III. Gen. Ed. /Core Consolidation Operational Working Group

The OWG planning document was shared with the GEC. This document lists all KSU and SPSU members on the committee, the tasks to be accomplished by the OWG, and a SWOT analysis.

Tom, Margaret, and Val indicated that the guiding principle for the OWG is to combine KSU’s and SPSU’s current gen. ed. programs, so that no courses are added and none are lost. Additionally, the focus is to have as much coherency as possible.

Susan asked if KSU’s curriculum governance committee will vet the OWG’s recommendations. Val indicated that she would ask Ken.

The OWG’s recommendations/plan is due on May 16, and the OWG is meeting weekly alternating between the KSU and SPSU campuses.

IV. Gen. Ed. Assessment

Tom indicated that all is going well. Tom said that it is likely that KSU's SACS 10- year reaccreditation review will not occur in 2016 if SACS approves the consolidation. However, we don't know what the new date is yet. So we need to continue our gen. ed. assessment as planned.

Val and GEC members thanked Tom for this work.

V. Update on Area F

As mentioned at the last meeting, the USG has a new electronic core curriculum proposal form that should be used when making changes to the courses in area F. When the form is approved on campus, it then goes to the system office for review.

Since KSU has so many of these changes within a semester, this will create a bottleneck. So Val called Teresa Joyce at the system office, and Teresa agreed that this new process and form are problematic for KSU and other large institutions. Teresa will talk to Linda Noble about this new process and form. So for now, we don't need to move to this new form and process; we should sue our current business processes.

VI. The Association for General and Liberal Studies (AGLS)- Call for Proposals and 2014 Conference in Atlanta in Sept. 1014

AGLS is hosting their annual conference in Atlanta in Sept. 2014. This professional organization promotes excellence in general education. The call for proposals for the meeting will be posted on their webpage in Feb. 2014.

Val encouraged GEC members to submit proposals (individually or in groups) regarding innovative general education teaching practices and regarding their gen. ed. assessment initiatives. She will ask Provost Harmon to pay the conference registration for those who present at the conference and ask Provost Harmon if he will fund 2-3 GEC members who are not presenting to attend the conference. Val will provide the link to the call for proposals when it becomes available.

VII. IGI's Internationalization grant- Call for Proposals

IGI has a call for several categories of internationalization grants. The deadline for proposals is April 1, for funding beginning July 1. Information on the grants can be found on the IGI webpage.

Val thanked all for attending. The meeting was adjourned.