

General Education Council Retreat
August 14, 2014
Prillaman Hall, Room 1103

Members Present: Lindsey Archer (COTA: Dance); Beth Daniell (CHSS: English); Tom Doleys (CHSS: Political Science); Edward Eanes (COTA: Music); Amy Howton (HHS: Health and Physical Education); Sarasij Majumder (CHSS: IDS); Bryan McGovern (History); Noah McLaughlin (CHSS: Foreign Languages); Jan Phillips (CHSS: Communication); Nancy Hoalst Pullen (CHSS: Geography); Susan Rouse (CHSS: Philosophy); Barbara Salyer (BCOE: Secondary and Middle Grades); Gail Scott (CHSS: Psychology); Kristen Seaman (COTA: Art and Design); Bruce Thomas (CSM: Mathematics).

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

Visitors Present: Jane Campbell (Business); Chien-pin Li (CHSS); Ryan Ronnenberg (CHSS).

- I. Welcome- Val welcomed everyone back for the 2014-15 academic year
- II. 2014-15 GEC council meeting schedule and GEC membership

Val shared the GEC membership list so far. She indicated that the Sociology and Criminal Justice department will be holding elections soon. At that time, she will send the updated roster.

The meeting schedule for the academic year was distributed. The locations have been identified for fall. The spring semester meeting locations will be identified later this semester.

- III. Core Curriculum Consolidation Recommendation and Consolidation Curriculum Vetting Process

The updated #11 OWG (core curriculum) recommendation for the new Univ. was distributed.

Val indicated that the areas in red font indicate changes that occurred over the summer. In a couple of cases, KSU was not in compliance with the USG policy (2-4-10- Common Prefixes, Numbers, and Titles). Val communicated with the appropriate Department Chairs and Program Coordinators, so the red fonts capture those changes.

Val indicated Dr. Harmon is having a meeting of KSU and SPSU Deans, Chairs, and all Curriculum Committee Chairs on Monday, August, 25. The purpose of the meeting is to outline consolidation curriculum vetting processes and timelines.

Val indicated that departments will be asked to resolve overlapping programs and courses and enter consolidation curriculum change proposals into Curriculog. All proposals will be vetted by both KSU and SPSU curriculum governance levels. All of this must be done by Oct. 31, since there are submissions to the USG Gen. Ed. Council and all changes must be placed into banner, degreeworks, and a catalog in time for preregistration for fall, 2015.

That means that the GEC will have to review and make decision(s) on the proposed gen. ed./core curriculum changes. The group asked if Jamie can do a Curriculog training for them at the September meeting.

IV. High-Impact (HIPs) Lunch Meeting

Beth and Val indicated that they, along with Maureen McCarthy, Amy Buddie, and Stephanie Foote, attended the AAC&U HIPs Summer Institute last year, and they presented a draft KSU HIPs campus action plan at last year's summer retreat.

They indicated that they subsequently presented the campus action plan to Dr. Harmon, who suggested that they present the plan to the KSU governance groups. Beth, Val, Maureen, Amy, and Stephanie also worked with the Burruss Institute to achieve the first action step of the plan, survey KSU's faculty and staff on their interest in elevating and enhancing HIPs at KSU.

The response to the survey was overwhelmingly positive. Beth, Val, Maureen, Amy, and Stephanie are now following up with a lunch meeting on Sept. 12. Those who responded to the survey that they were interested in serving on a KSU HIPs task force have been invited to the lunch to begin the work of identifying the "essential" components of quality HIPs. The goal of the lunch is to have draft essential components for each of the 10 HIPs. The lunch attendees will be asked to take those components back to their departments for additional feedback.

V. General Education Assessment

Tom Doleys provided an overview of the general education assessment process. He also thanked the DACs for all of the good work that they are doing, and the GEC thanked Tom for his leadership.

The following DACs provided a summary of their assessment over the last two years for their department's gen. ed. course(s):

- COM 1109 (Human Communication)- Jan Phillips
- FL 1002 (Intro. to Foreign Language and Culture)- Noah McLaughlin
- AMST 1102, ASIA 1102, AADS 1102, LALS 1102, GWST 1102, PAX 1102, RELS 1102 (American Studies, Introduction to Asian Cultures, Issues in African and African

Diaspora Studies, Understanding Latin America, Love and Sex, Understanding Peace and Conflict, Understanding Religious Studies)- Sarasij Majumder

- ARTS 1107 (Arts in Society: Visual Arts)- Kristen Seaman
- DANC 1107 (Arts in Society: Dance)- Natalie Berry
- MUSI 1107 (Arts in Society: Music)- Edward Eanes
- TPS 1107 (Arts in Society: Theatre and Performance Studies)- Margaret Baldwin
- HIST 1110 (Introduction to World History)- Ryan Ronnenberg

Val will send a copy of each of the presentations to everyone after the meeting.

- VI. General Education Course Syllabus template- Val reminded GEC members to include the general education common language in their course syllabi and asked GEC members to remind their faculty to include the language in their course syllabi.

Next Meeting- Weds., Sept. 17, 3:30 – 5:00, University College, Room 202 (Refreshments will be served)