

## General Education Council

Meeting Minutes (approved on 8/29/2013)

Meeting Date: May 3, 2013

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 pm

Location: Drinko Library, Room 349

Name	Organization	Status	Attended (5/3)
Beach, Gretchen Rae	Library	Voting Member	1
Brammer, Camilla A	COLA	Voting Member	1
Cartwright, Tina	COE	Voting Member	1
Graham, Mary Jo	COE	Voting Member	1
Jackson, Susan	COFA	Voting Member	0
Laubach, Marty	COLA	Voting Member	1
Lawson, Stephen	COFA	Voting Member	1
Leonard, Tricia	COHP	Voting Member	1
LoCascio, Nicki	Honors/COS	Voting Member	1
McClure, Rex	COB	Voting Member	1
Sias, Jennifer	SOJMC	Voting Member	0
Silver, Judith	COS	Voting Member	1
Simonton, Scott	CITE	Voting Member	0
Swindell, Christopher	SOJMC	Voting Member	1
Wait, Isaac William	CITE	Voting Member	0
Bentley, Amber	University College	ex-officio	0
Dennison, Corley	AA	ex-officio	1
Reynolds, Mary E	Assessment	ex-officio	1
Smith, Sherri	CTL	ex-officio	1

1. Minutes of the 4/5/13 meeting were approved.
2. Report on items discussed during last meeting:
  - a. **Revision to CT Requirement** – The revisions to the website description were approved, with minor changes.
  - b. **Auto-Generated Gen Ed Core II Course List** -- Corley will be speaking to the deans soon about the remaining 300-level courses on this list.
  - c. **Recommendation on FYS** – There was again discussion about the problems with FYS and its effect on the budget. Some of the points made were the following:

- The Council of Chairs will be meeting soon, and they will have input.
- The Assessment Office reports that Critical Thinking scores are up.
- There will be an FYS Retreat on May 16 when these issues will be discussed.
- Some departments have staffing issues and cannot release faculty who would like to teach FYS.
- Other departments have available adjuncts, but few tenure-track faculty would be willing to teach FYS.
- It is important that FYS faculty have a discipline specific home.
- Term faculty may possibly be placed in departments that have difficulty finding people to teach FYS.
- NCATE certification might be affected by an increase in the number of adjunct faculty members.
- FYS is a recruiting tool for students, not for faculty.

The following motion was passed: *The General Education Council is sensitive to the budget constraints facing the university at this time. However, we wish to voice support for the First Year Seminar and we are open to alternative methods of staffing FYS.*

- d. **Nominations for 2013-2015 GEC Co-Chair** – Gretchen Beach was elected as a GEC Co-Chair for the next two-year term.
- e. **Attribute Approval for Special Topic Courses** – The following amendment to the Bylaws was passed:

*I.A.4(a) These designations shall also be approved by the full Council for special topics courses. However, upon approval, they will be sent directly to the Registrar. University Curriculum Committee approval is not needed for special topics courses.*

### 3. New Course Approval Requests

- a. **PSY 426** (Cross Cultural Psychology) was approved for MC designation.

### 4. New Business

- a. **College Realignment** -- The following amendment to the Bylaws was passed:

*II.A.1. If in the event of college realignment more than two members of the newly formed college exist on the General Education Council, those members may continue to serve until their terms expire.*

### 5. Other Business

- a. **CT Course Application Form** -- Sherri Smith reiterated that, since domains and outcomes are now consolidated into a nine outcome list for CT courses, the application form needs to be revised. She suggested that five of those outcomes should be selected in each course application, and that the application form be converted to “fillable” online style. She will resend her explanation of this issue to the GEC via email, and she invites

a motion on this issue via electronic vote. Hopefully a decision can be made this week, before summer CT training begins on May 14.

- b. **FYS Retreat** – Corley Dennison invited the General Education Council to an FYS Retreat to be held on May 16.

6. Next Meeting – August 2013