

# General Education Council Minutes

February 28, 2012

**Members Present:** Conrad Shumaker (Chair) , Jeff Allender (GEOG), Destiny Davis (SGA), Jim Deitrick (PHIL), Kim Eskola (KPED), Lori Isom (CHEM), Joe McGarrity (EFIRM), Carl Olds (FILM), Ed Powers (SOC), Mary Beth Sullivan (PSCI), Stephanie Vanderslice (WRTG), Charles Watson (MATH), Joe Webb (SGA)

**Members Absent:** Rene Crow (ECSE), Renee Lebeau-Ford (Ex-officio, LIB), Clay Arnold (ex-officio, Dean of Undergraduate Studies), Kondwani Phwandaphwanda (MUS)

## **AGENDA for Feb. 28 Meeting:**

1. Approval of Minutes from Feb. 7 meeting
2. Focus group with employers of UCA graduates
3. Draft of mission and basic outcomes (attached)

**1. Approval of Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> minutes:** **MOTION** to approve minutes (Deitrick), **SECOND** by Allender, minutes were approved by acclamation with the correction that Watson attended the Feb. 7 meeting

## **2. Focus group with employers of UCA graduates:**

Council heard from Dr. Shumaker about the GEC's focus groups with outside stakeholders

- Shumaker met with Phil Bartos, who will moderate group
- group is being put together with members of local businesses and schools who put UCA graduates to work
- group will evaluate Gen Ed outcomes and skills they see and want to see in their employees
- Shumaker wants to add journalists and will solicit other requests from GEC members
- would like to have a pool of 15-18 people narrowed down to 9-12
- tentative date is March 28

## **3. Draft of Mission Statement & Basic Outcomes Statement:**

- new document will take place of old GE "Statement of Purpose"
- **MOTION** to approve draft and open discussion (Isom); **SECOND** by Allender
- current draft was taken to Council of Deans and no red flags came up there
- Deitrick likes a lot about draft, but is concerned that there are no set procedures in place to put the discussion of this draft into a context of the overall revision of the Gen Ed program
- response was that this document was created to start the campus discussion
- Shumaker replies that GEC will be the governing structure running the process; the process will move step by step—GEC will make recommendations, campus will respond, GEC will make revisions, and ultimately Faculty Senate will have the final say
- proposal to allow 2 weeks for campus to reply to the draft statement

- **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT** – add “computational” to the inquiry skills
- some discussion about whether to add “collaboration” to the essentials boxes because it was a part of the summation statement—no changes proposed
- some discussion about the statement “lifelong learners” statement—no changes proposed
- **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT** – replace “enables” in summary statement with “empowers”
- discussion about how to disseminate draft and receive feedback; Shumaker and Powers will meet with IT to make this work—this will be a trial run for the entire process
- **QUESTION CALLED** – motion to send draft for campus discussion; **MOTION PASSES 10-2**

Meeting concluded with the motion to meet again in one week – March 6 at X-period

**Meeting was adjourned - Next Meeting will be March 6**