

## **General Education Council Minutes - March 6, 2012**

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

**Members Absent:** Jeff Allender (GEOG), Rene Crow (ECSE), Joe Webb (SGA), Renee Lebeau-Ford (Ex-officio, LIB), Clay Arnold (ex-officio, Dean of Undergraduate Studies)

### **AGENDA for Mar. 6 Meeting:**

1. Approval of Feb. 28 minutes
2. Mission and outcomes--procedure for the next steps
3. Report on assessment

**1. Approval of Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> minutes:** MOTION to approve minutes (Eskola), SECOND by Sullivan, minutes were approved by acclamation

### **2. Mission and outcomes--procedure for the next steps**

Council heard from Dr. Shumaker about the GEC's procedure in continuing with revision

- bulk of work must be done in subcommittees
- HLC is constantly checking on GEC's progress
- current process is building on work done over past few years, particularly on specific area content
- outcomes may need to include knowledge and skills – we need to reevaluate how these integrate
- question about mapping of skills outcomes – are we assessing skills?
- we will need to create a map orienting these skills to the Inquiry/communication/living matrix
- should we reevaluate fitness of courses for Gen Ed credit
- we should consider other Gen Ed models – reconsider distribution model
- Shumaker presented a Process proposal, indicating the basic process for revising Gen Ed mission, goals, and objectives
- Process will involve Subcommittee, then faculty department and student input, revision in the subcommittee, and Faculty Senate approval
- next step is subject areas and assessment of specific goals and outcomes
- timeline is tight – 2 more meetings this semester
- MOTION to approve process (Vanderslice); SECOND by Eskola
- Deitrick is not sure how larger goal is being sought rather than affirming what we have
- QUESTION called to approve process (Vanderslice); VOTE 10-1 to approve process
- MOTION to adjourn – approved by acclamation

**Meeting was adjourned - Next Meeting will be April 3**