

## Minutes

Sept. 20, 2012 @ 4pm, Admin 304H

### General Education Committee (GEC)

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#### Committee Charge:

**SCOPE:** GEC is responsible for providing quality and oversight of all of the General Education courses offered at SUU, and it is expected to ensure compliance with state-mandated policies on General Education and alignment with SUU's strategic and academic plans.

#### GEC RESPONSIBILITIES\*

1. Work with faculty, staff, and students to ensure SUU offers and maintains a comprehensive, assessable, and dynamic general education program that meets the agreed upon institutional learning outcomes and goals.

2. Develop and coordinate the GEC's operation in cooperation with the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UUCC)  
3. Provide oversight of the General Education courses offered at SUU.  
4. Work with the Center of Excellence for Teaching and Learning (CETL) to help support faculty teaching effectiveness in general education courses.

\*See SUU Policy 6.8.3 for details

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**Present:** John Allred, David Berri, Curt Bostick, Eric Brown, Bill Byrnes, Shawn Domgaard, Kurt Harris, Steve Irving, John Taylor, Kim Weaver, and Bonny Rayburn.

**Not in Attendance:** Mark Atkinson and Camille Thomas.

#### I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Introductions of the committee
- FYI - Deadlines Curriculum Consent, Substantive and Degree/Program Changes
  - Noon, Oct 5, Nov 30, Feb 1 and April 5 (Oct, Nov and Feb changes will be reflected in E-Catalog for 2013-14)
- *Educated Person Conference* – Oct 26, Snowbird, conference hotel discount rate deadline is Sept. 25 and conference pre-registration discount deadline is Oct 5 – Any committee members interested in attending?
  - Anyone interested, e-mail Bill. His office will reimburse your department for the registration fee and the hotel room.

#### II. INFORMATION ITEMS

- The General Education Committee is set up on CANVAS as a course. Bill reviewed how to access committee on canvas and reviewed the content currently posted there. Bill also thanked the members of the GE Task Force from last year for their work on the GE policy, and the changes in the e-catalog pertaining the mission and the the learning outcomes
- Summary Review of GE Policy 6.8.3
  - Wording from policy built into agenda header
- Review of graphic - "How Is General Education Course Work Organized at SUU?"
  - There are 13 courses listed in the core requirements, 14 courses in Fine Arts, 30 in Humanities, 31 in Social & Behavioral Sciences, 9 in Life Science, and 15 in Physical Science for a total of 112.
- Review of Essential Learning Outcomes and Overall SUU Assessment Rubric - Handout
- General Education Program – Overview – Handout as well as detailed breakdown of classes offered at SUU in GE

### III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- **The BIG QUESTION** – How do we know if our mixture of GE courses is fulfilling our mission of *foster(ing) in students the intellectual and practical skills necessary as a foundation for successful life-long learning?*
- **DISCUSSION** - GE Survey – John Taylor – next steps, survey all faculty – timing of survey and use of results?
  - There was a lengthy discussion on whether this was the best way to find out what learning outcomes were covered by each General Education course.
- **ACTION:** Committee members voted to table the survey. Motion was passed to move on gathering syllabi for GE classes and review them to see how learning outcomes are articulated. **Bill will contact Department Chairs to request copies of the syllabi before the next committee meeting.**
- **DISCUSSION – DIFFERED TO NEXT MEETING** – AAC&U Publication - *The Art & Science of Assessing General Education Outcomes* – Thoughts, reactions, epiphanies, etc. regarding the book at the assessment process?

### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- Committee meeting 2 –**Thur. Nov 1 @4:00pm, ADM 304H**
- Committee Meeting 3 – TBA

V. **ADJOURN** – Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.