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## General Education Program Assessment Steering Committee Minutes April 29, 2016

### **Members Present**

David Cordle (Provost and VP for Academic Affairs)

Brent Thomas (Dean of LA&S)

Rich Sleezer (Associate Dean of LA&S and Director of the General Education Program)

JoLanna Kord (Assistant Provost for Institutional Research and Assessment)

1. The April 22, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.
2. Multiple attempts both calls and email have been made to contact the individual who was identified as the keynote for the inaugural event to be held in early August 2016. We will continue to pursue this individual and believe that end of term timing may be the problem. The planning of this event is still in infancy stages, until we can confirm the keynote we are in a holding pattern.
3. Extended discussion about how faculty will be identified for general education assessment roles beyond individual course embedded assessments led to the realization that this is a complex topic and that different lenses are being employed to examine and identify needs. It was agreed that the steering committee may benefit from strategizing individually, then coming together to compare notes as a way to bring the group closer together on individual faculty and group roles and expectations. As this structure currently exists, individual faculty are identified for assessment roles within each of the departments, however these roles are not specific to general education assessment. A list of these faculty is to be distributed with these meeting minutes.
4. Identifying the structure and membership for a general education assessment committee was a part of the conversation related to faculty having extended assessment roles. Again, key points were made about the responsibilities of this group operating on behalf of moving the program forward and improving it. Questions about positioning the group in a way that recommendations would be processed in a fashion where improvement was the group goal. How this would operationalize and end up informing and encouraging change efforts? Operation directives and processes were key topics that will require attention in future meetings.
5. Open discussion - none