

General Education Council

March 14, 2018

MU, PKP Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rich Sleezer, Qiang Shi, Kathy Landwehr, Sheila Markowitz, Shawna Shane, Basil Kessler, and Amy Oelschlager

ABSENT: Joan Brewer, Carol Lucy, Andy Houchins, Jo Kord, Steve Lovett, David McKenzie, Chris Stone, Maddison Thompson, and Klassee Crawford

MEETING CHANGE: Massoth mentioned to the Council that there is a room change for the April 25th meeting. The new location will be the Miller room located off the Ballroom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 28th minutes were approved.

COUNCIL REMINDER FOR NEXT YEAR: Council discussed membership for next academic year. Massoth requested that members help to get new members for the Council decided and their names to our office before the school year ended. The President's office wants all committees' information by June every year.

LEADERSHIP COURSES: The Council discussed the fate of the Leadership courses that are currently part of the General Education Program. Since the leadership program has been discontinued the Council needs to decide the fate of these courses (LR280 Leadership in a Diverse Society, LR170 Principles of Leadership). If the courses will no longer be offered we need to remove them from the program. Sleezer said that currently there are no faculty to teach the courses.

Markowitz mentioned there have been conversations with people that are very interested in teaching the courses but it is still in discussion. Student affairs would like these courses to continue. One possible connection is to TRIO and their grant funded "McNair Program" which is federally funded program designed to encourage their students to go on to graduate school. Sleezer said that he will visit with Lynn Hobson or Jim Williams in student affairs about the viability of these courses.

The Council will hold off on the discussion until a later date for more details.

FLEXIBLE GENERAL EDUCATION DISCUSSION: The council reviewed a few handout sheets for discussion. One of the handouts outlined a 45 hour General Education Program that the Council received at the last meeting had a few changes in red for their review.

45 Hour General Education Program

Goal 1 Core Skills (15 Hours): Demonstrate proficiency in core skills necessary for academic, personal and professional achievement.

- a. Demonstrate effective written communication skills. Complete two courses:
6 hours

- b. Demonstrate effective speaking/presentational communication skills in public or interpersonal contexts: Complete one course: 3 hours
- c. Demonstrate effective use of quantitative and mathematical reasoning skills. At least 3 hours
- d. Demonstrate effective information technology and /or information literacy skills. 3 hours

Goal 2 Academic Breadth (Total of 30 Hours- at least 9 from each category): Demonstrate knowledge of concepts and principles in a wide range of academic disciplines and the ability to use multi-disciplinary approaches and critical thinking to make sound decisions based on data rather than opinion and conjecture:

Category 1. Humanities: Languages, Art, Theatre, Music, Philosophy, History, Literature and Journalism, **and Honors**

Category 2. Cultural, Social, Health, Applied, and Behavioral Sciences: World Cultures, Civic- mindedness, Personal and Social Well-being. Cultural Competence, Rehabilitation, Personal Finance, Social Responsibility and Leadership, Sociology, Economics, Political Sciences, Psychology, Geography, Anthropology, Leadership, Health, Physical Education, Rehabilitation and Business.

Category 3. Life, Natural and Physical Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physical Science and Physics.

Shane suggested changing the 9 credit hour requirement in each category to seven credit hours from each category. Discussion will continue at the March 28th meeting.

Massoth will put both documents in canvas for the Council to see.

Meeting adjourned: 3:50pm