

General Education Council

May 2, 2018

3:00 p.m.4:00p.m. MU, PKP Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Maddison Thompson, Carol Lucy, Qiang Shi, Steve Lovett, Chris Stone, Kim Massoth, Basil Kessler, Amy Oelschlager, Dave McKenzie, Joan Brewer, Sheila Markowitz, Kathy Landwehr, Shawna Shane, Jo Kord, Rich Sleezer and Andy Houchins

ABSENT: Klassie Crawford

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 25' 2018 minutes were approved.

SENATE BILL AUTHORSHIP:

- a. **2-3 Volunteers/writers**-Chris Stone, Carol Lucy, Andy Houchins agreed to work over the summer to draft a senate bill to decrease the total number of hours required for the general education program. This work will need to be done during the summer via email. Kessler and Sleezer agree to help gather data for this effort.

- b. **Student Input**-Volunteers to work on getting student opinions and substance of the general education courses-Stone asked the council "how do we want to do this"? Lovett suggested to have the students input not necessarily the hours and the material but the options. Asking the students if they would be supportive of this. If the Senate and the President are supportive of this then that will make their decision easier to make. Lovett mentioned that the Council should put together a purposed bill and say we would like to submit this to the senate and then can adopt it or the senate can add comments if they wish. Lovett provided the justification to the students and see what kind of changes subject manor. We as a Council need to reduce the general education hours and not having any elections or options. Stone suggested it should be a pretty simple process because we aren't changing a huge chunk of information.

Brewer wanted to give the Council a heads up that Randy Watson (State Commissioner) said there is policy that is coming forward. One example says that the state will pay for all students to take the ACT test that is mandated. And the Senate is in favor of this. The other is that the state may pay for the first 15 credit hours for general education courses for high school students which is English, College Algebra, Speech, Biology and US History. This would help even out all high schools and help decrease the financial burden of increasing tuition that students can't afford. Brewer thought it will play in with what the council is wanting to do.

Stone asked the Council how they want to get the student input.

Lovett said again to keep this survey simple and to make it available for all the students. Lovett suggested to do this survey as quick as possible. He thought it won't be discussed until probably the second senate meeting. Lovett suggested come up with some decisions and how to approach the senate and take ownership with it.

A draft will be completed to share with the Council at the first general education council meeting in the fall.

Attendees for fall senate meeting: The council will discuss this first of fall. This needs to be voting members of the council to represent.

Who will not be here next year: Steve Lovett will be done serving his term and Javier Flores from the School of Business will take his place. The Dean of LA&S will need to appoint a person for LA&S.

Adjourned: 3:45 pm

Recorder: KM