



General Education Council

September 13, 2017
MU, PKP Room

Minutes

PRESENT: David McKenzie, Joan Brewer, Chris Stone, Rich Sleezer, Carol Lucy, Maddison Thompson, Andy Houchin, Jo Kord, Amy Oelschlaeger, Damara Paris, Shi Qiang, David McKenzie, Shawna Shane, Jim Costello, Heidi Hamilton, Sheila Markowitz, Shawna Shane and Steve Lovett,

ABSENT: Kathy Landwehr and Klasee Crawford

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 3, 2017 minutes were approved with a few minor changes. All in favor with the minor changes.

Informational packets: Handouts were distributed which included the member list, meeting dates, constitution, general education goals and strategic plan. The constitution and council responsibilities were briefly discussed by Sleezer.

Election of Officers: Elections were held for the position of the chair and vice-chair of General Education Council. Chris Stone from the School of Business will serve as Chair and Shawna Shane from HYPER will serve as Vice-Chair.

Review of process to evaluate petitions for new courses and removal of old- Lovett mentioned the council needs to focus on the goals before approving a course. The goals and the retention of the courses need to be cleaned up and current ones.

Last Year's Accomplishments:

- **Process to Petition to add a course to General Education-**Sleezer mentioned about how many courses were presented to the council and how much time it took to discuss and review all of these. Suggestions were made that the council would have set dates to review these; council agreed to schedule some dates in the fall and more in early spring. Sleezer mentioned the process of receiving the course for the council to review and then follow up on the next date to approve/deny the course being added.

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- **General Education Goals-Completed Goal #1-**Didn't discuss.
- **Summer project with sub-committees for General Education initiatives-**Over the summer there were 3 HOC Committees that were formed. One worked on goals and the other group worked on process of the courses. The last group worked on

experiment on the actual courses of gen ed. Sleezer would like to discuss all of these at the next gen ed meeting.

Adjourned: 4:05pm
Recorder: KM