

## General Education Council

November 8, 2017  
MU, PKP Room

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Rich Sleezer, Carol Lucy, Maddison Thompson, Andy Houchins, Jo Kord, Amy Oelschlaeger, Damara Paris, Qiang Shi, Shawna Shane, Sheila Markowitz, Steve Lovett, Kim Massoth, Joan Brewer, Chris Stone, David McKenzie

**ABSENT:** Kathy Landwehr, Klasee Crawford and Sheila Markowitz

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 25th minutes will be reviewed on the November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.(3 min)

#### 2. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Deadline for Petitions to add courses-**November 29<sup>th</sup> All petitions to add new courses to the general education program are due in the LAS Dean's office. New course petitions will be available for review by the Council in Canvas.

Departments with petitions will be scheduled for presentations and questions at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. During the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting the Council will then vote on petitions to add courses to the program. (3 min)

b. **Deadline for Curricular Change review-**In February, specific date to be determined (2 min)

c. **Summer Progress on editing of goals-**Handouts (McKenzie)-McKenzie, Webb and Rahman worked during summer 2017 on editing the General Education goals to continue to make progress and reduce the amount of time used in the discussion of edits during regular General Education Council meetings. McKenzie spoke with the Council about the conversations that this subcommittee had over the summer. McKenzie said they wanted to preserve the intent of the goals while reducing the total number of goals. He felt they kept the spirit of the goals the same and made them more user friendly.

McKenzie also mentioned that the goals went from 6 to 4 goals by incorporating some of the wording into the 4 goals. (15 min)

Stone informed the council that they will continue discussion on the goals on the next General Education Council meeting.

3. **Approval of UL100-** UL100 change from 2 to 3 credit hours. Motion was made by Shane and Seconded by Brewer to approve the request to change UL100 from a 2 credit hour course to a 3 credit hour course. All 8 Council members voted to approve the motion.(4 min)

4. **Plan to move forward on editing of the goals**-Stone was appreciative of the work the sub-committee completed on editing the goals over the summer. (1 min)
5. **GEAT 1 Recommendation-Defining Information Literacy versus information Technology**-Stone would like to see broader choices to satisfy goal 1D that will accommodate each

Student and their needs. If the council would devise a plan to follow the spirit of general education goals with the intent to help the students build their skills.

Sleezer spoke with Cynthia Kane about forming a small subcommittee of faculty to discuss Information Technology and Information Literacy. The group would include faculty from the School of Business, the Teachers College, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the School of Library Sciences. Their task would be to discuss the definition of Information Literacy versus Information Technology and provide the General Education Council with definitions that could be used when reviewing, and editing our General Education goals, specifically Goal 1D. The Council agreed with the purpose of the subcommittee. Sleezer will follow up with further discussion after the subcommittee has met.

Brewer mentioned to the council that there is a website called: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills-  
[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/21st\\_century\\_skills](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/21st_century_skills) that has information on it regarding **Learning and innovation skills, Digital literacy skills, and Career and life skills** (37 min)

**OTHER:** Stone reminded the Council that one of the charges for the Council on General Education is to conduct experiments with the general education program, as well as determining what is the mission of the general education program is and what the goals of the general education program should be. More discussion will follow in the future. (37 min)

Meeting adjourned: 4:05pm  
Recorder: km