



General Education Council MINUTES

October 5, 2016 @ 3:00pm
Dean's Conference, RH104

ATTENDACE: Rich Sleezer, Amy Sage Webb, Mohammed Rahman, Chris Stone, Heidi Hamilton, David McKenzie, Sarah Clark, James Costello, Kathy Landwehr, Steve Lovett, Sheila Markowitz and Jo Kord

ABSENT: Shawna Shane, Joan Brewer, Alrick Johnson and Nkem Nwogu

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from September 21, 2016, were approved with no changes.

Old Business: Lovett indicated to the council that he would like to complete the analysis and editing of general education goals and outcomes by the end of the semester (December 2016).

Discussion about Gen Ed goals:

1. Discussion of the intent of General Education goals- Lovett indicated that the general education goals and outcomes should be:
 - a. Understandable-Achievable-
 - b. Assessable-Outcome Driven-
 - c. Unique-Distinctive-
 - d. Malleable-Adaptive-

There followed a brief, general discussion about General Education at Emporia State University and the process of discussing changes and deciding if changes were needed.

2. **Review of current general education goals**-Lovett discussed with the committee the desire to revisit editing the existing goals and/or the edited version of the goals worked on last year to see if the council agreed that significant changes are necessary. The alternative would be that the current goals are acceptable the way they are with minor edits? Lovett agreed that it is the responsibility of the Council on General Education to be the "actively thinking portion" of the collection of minds of this university tasked with constantly assessing the General Education Program and its goals. Webb raised several questions about the process and a general discussion ensued about the General Education Program, its content, intent, and how we should go about editing the program. Nothing was decided or voted on. Lovett agreed to bring copies of the current and edited versions of the goals to the

next meeting along with what is required by KBOR for general education at all Regents institutions.

3. Review of sample course alignment by R. Sleezer- discuss at a later time
4. Review of collaborative re-edit of goals (End of 2016-2016 year) discuss at a later time
5. Discussion of structure of goals-How to Write a “Good” Goal (Smart template) discuss at a later time
6. Discussion of possible, informal “guideline” addendum to goals-discuss at a later time
7. Suggestion to establish an Editorial Subcommittee to provide proposed language if/when revision is suggested or proposed by the Council-discuss at a later time.
8. Other business

Meeting adjourned at: 4:00 pm

Recorder: km