



General Education Council

October 19, 2016 @ 3:00pm
Dean's Conference, RH104

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Rich Sleezer, Mohammed Rahman, Chris Stone, Heidi Hamilton, David McKenzie, Sarah Clark, Kathy Landwehr, Steve Lovett, Sheila Markowitz, Shawna Shane, Joan Brewer and Jo Kord

ABSENT: Amy Sage Webb, James Costello, Alrick Johnson and Nkem Nwogu

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from October 5, 2016 were approved with one change.

New Business:

Presentation by Dr. Clinton Stephens: Dr. Stephens presented the proposal LR280 (Leadership in a diverse Society). The course's intent is to prepare students for career experiences in a diverse society. This course would be increasing from two to three credit hours. Three key components that Dr. Stephens focuses on in the course are:

- a. Interviews with Leaders who identify differently than the students do in terms of race, gender and/or sexual orientation. The students would then be required to write a paper discussing their experience and applying what they have learned to the classroom content.
- b. A Voices project where students select voice from individuals that identify differently than they do. Throughout the semester students write 7 different blog posts from the one particular voice that they chose. Examples would be a lecture, podcast, or a thoughtful conversation.
- c. Key Assessments:
 1. Social issue advocacy scale
 2. Multicultural experiences questionnaire

The second course that Dr. Stephens proposed is LR111 (Leading with Purpose). This course is a 1 credit hour class where students meet twice a week (8 week course). This class is designed for students needing another credit hour in the personal and social well-being category or just an additional credit hour if they have previously dropped a course. This class helps develop habits to practice positive thinking and set goals to help struggling students be successful in the university classroom.

Council will vote on both course on the next Gen Ed meeting on November 2, 2016

Old Business: Discussion of proposed re-write of General Education Goals: Lovett presented to the council a document with the current goals and the proposed re-write of goals that Sleezer, Costello and Webb had been working on last year.

The council had a brief discussion of the document. It was proposed that suggested changes could be collected from council members via a DoodleDoc so everyone could contribute their input to the process. Lovett asked if Stone would set up DoodleDoc before the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at: 4:00PM

Recorder: km