

General Education Program Assessment
Steering Committee
Minutes
April 8, 2016

Members Present

David Cordle (Provost and VP for Academic Affairs)

Brent Thomas (Dean of LA&S)

Rich Sleezer (Associate Dean of LA&S and Director of the General Education Program)

JoLanna Kord (Assistant Provost for Institutional Research and Assessment)

1. Upon review of the March 9, 2016 meeting minutes, it was determined that the minutes were accurate as written.
2. Memorandum for compliance with HLC directives for assessing general education
The memorandum outlined the areas identified for attention from the assessment of the institutional processes for assessment of student learning in general education. The recommendations made were outlined in four categorical areas:
 - a. Policy
 - b. Planning
 - c. Education
 - d. Communication
3. Information gathering at the 2016 HLC Annual Conference was identified as an opportunity to frame our work going forward. The following questions were identified as important to informing future planning:
 - a. What is expected in fulfilling the criterion for accreditation (Criterion 3 and 4) as related to the quality of general education programs and the evidence showing that continuous quality improvement of the program is operationalized through an assessment plan and practices which inform this improvement process.
 - b. What are our options related to meeting the recommendations recognized through the assessment of the institutional processes for assessment of student learning in general education. And, if the option of sending a team to the assessment academy in the fall of 2016 was appropriate.
4. Open Discussion
 - a. Discussion was directed toward the possible different approaches that could be used to implement an institution-wide strategy for moving the general education program forward using assessment as the agent for change. Sharing of ideas and concerns were beneficial as progress toward common goals is necessary.