

General Education Assessment Team Meeting

8-16-2019

Room 133C – Science Hall

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Introductions of GEAT IV Members
 - a. Ken Thompson
 - b. Deborah Hann
 - c. Cynthia Kane
2. Meetings Schedule for the Fall Semester
3. GEAT IV – AY 2020 Charge

The focus of General Education Program Assessment for AY2020 will be on:

- Assess General Education Goal 5, and
- Complete an External Environment scan

General Education Goal 5: Be able to think critically and analytically about an issue, an idea, or a problem.

- A. Identify and define an issue, an idea, or a problem.
- B. Gather, analyze, and evaluate relevant and reliable information from diverse perspectives.
- C. Formulate and support a well-reasoned argument, perspective or conclusion.

Assessing Goal 5 includes gaining knowledge of delivery options, courses offered, the representation of disciplines, and credit hour production.

- Key questions such as what is the current approach to teaching and learning of critical thinking skills and how many courses are contributing to these three goal objectives?
- To what extent is critical thinking embedded across the disciplines and how many courses are contributing to this goal?
- How are we currently assessing student learning of critical thinking skills and the respective objectives?

Environmental Scan

- Research the agenda and dialogue occurring in professional organizations relative to General Education (for example, AAC&U and NILOA) to gain an understanding of the national direction, currency, and strategies affiliated with general education programming.
- Identify how other institutions are defining and assessing their General Education Programs. Can ESU be considered a leader in general education reform in this area?
- Develop an understanding of the high school curriculum as it relates to the courses and topics covered as part of the college bound platform

with the goal of removing curricular redundancies and better serving students.

- Study the employer perspectives on the preparedness of our graduates with foundational and transferable skills that are necessary for success in the current employment environment.

The overarching objective for this GEAT 2020 assessment charge is to provide key information and insights for the Director of General Education, the Council on General Education, Deans, Chairs, and Faculty as decisions about the direction of the general education program are made.

4. Timeline and Expectations for the Fall Semester Reporting
5. Meeting adjourn