

General Education Council

October 10, 2018

3:00p.m.-4:00p.m. MU, PKP Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Javier Flores, Carol Lucy, Joan Brewer, Basil Kessler, David McKenzie, Andy Houchins, Qiang Shi, Clinton Henderson, Amy Oelschlaeger, Sawyer Barragan, Rich Sleezer, Jo Kord, Kathy Landwehr and Kim Massoth

ABSENT: Chris Stone, Sheila Markowitz and Shawna Shane

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes for September 26, 2018 were unanimously approved. Flores made the motion to approve, seconded by McKenzie.
- 2. STUDENT SURVEY DISCUSSION:** Sleezer updated the Council with regard to the sub-committee work on the student survey. Sleezer handed out a draft of what the sub-committee had been working on. Lucy and Brewer suggested changes to selected questions. Lucy also thought adding the 6th question on the survey, asking for suggested changes to the program, would be ok.
Council discussed how best to get needed demographic information for respondents. Kord indicated that some information would be easier to track by the email address of the respondents. Other information could be garnered from a few simple questions. For example an important piece of information might be how many transferred hours came in that were general education courses and/or what percentage of course work was completed at ESU. McKenzie stated what should try to avoid certain questions like age (whether they would be part-time or full-time), their class level, and the number of years of undergraduate attendance at Emporia State and major or minor.

Lucy wanted to make it clear that we want to be careful and keep the survey simple. The Council needs to know what we are trying to do with the survey. We are just trying to get student opinion about the General Education Program, and how it impacts academic options. There was no action on the survey today.
Lucy asked the sub-committee to review what was discussed in the Council meeting and edit the document. The goal is to bring back a near-final version to the next General Education meeting on October 24th.
- 3. PRELIMINARY 42 HOUR BREAKDOWN (Draft)-**Sleezer spoke about the documents that he shared with the Council outlining a preliminary draft of a 42 Credit Hour General Education program. Essentially it would reduce the number of course categories from six to four by combining goals. It would keep all existing courses in the program but the total minimum number of credit hours would be reduced from 48 to 42 credit hours. Council members were ask to review the draft and bring comments to the next Council meeting. No formal action was taken.

4. The Council discussed a Curriculum Change for the Teachers College: Essentially the request is to change the name of PY211 Developmental Psychology to PY211 Developmental Psychology for the Education Major. The new course would be a degree requirement for education majors and would be listed as an option to fulfill Goal 2E Social and Behavioral Sciences for General Education. No formal action was taken.

4. HLC PREP:

Jo Kord discussed preparation for the General Education Council with regard to the Higher Learning Commission visit on October 29 and 30. At that time the Council was not scheduled for a meeting with HLC reviewers. Kord and Slezzer discussed aspects of the General Education program and its assessment that Council members should be familiar with. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Recorder: km

Adjourned 4:00pm