

General Education Council  
December 12, 2018 @3:00pm-4:00pm  
PKP, MU

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rich Sleezer, Kim Massoth, Carol Lucy, Javier Flores, Amy Oelschlaeger, Sawyer Barragan, Kathy Landwehr, Shawna Shane, Basil Kessler, Andy Houchins, Sheila Markowitz, Jo Kord, Chris Stone and Joan Brewer

ABSENT: Qiang Shi, David McKenzie and Clinton Stevenson

GUEST: Dr. Allen Comstock

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 12, 2018: are approved
2. FACULTY SENATE BILL: Houchins discussed the latest version of the Faculty Senate bill and the changes that were made.
  - I. Purpose- In order to provide flexibility to students programs, this bill will reduce the minimum number of hours required for general education from 48 to 42 hours.
  - II. Rationale- Some majors have lost flexibility for their students to take electives in their field.
    - a. Argument for General Education Revision: Sleezer reviewed the changes of the argument for the revision to be presented to the Faculty Senate. The document was edited to be one page with bullet points indicating important discussion points.

Houchins suggested to indicate in the document that the General Education Council is not eliminating any general education courses from the program.
2. Discussions in the General Education Council over the past 3.5 years
  - a. General desire to modernize and streamline the program
  - d. Desire to assess the program and make changes for improvement of student learning
  - c. Desire to improve the real and perceived relevancy of the program b. Desire to have an experimental general education program
4. Student input
  - a. Opinions from current and past student members of the Council
  - b. Comprehensive Fall 2018 Student Survey (Was sent to every undergraduate student)
5. Adapting to the changes to general education recently made by other Regents' institutions
  - a. Past KU and KSU
  - b. Recent Pittsburgh State

Sleezer will make the changes.

6. KBOR transfer and articulation policies were considered.

3. STRATEGY FOR SPRING FSB SUBMISSION: Lucy told Sleezer to go ahead and send the bill to Lovett for his review so he can get it on the schedule for faculty senate the first of January.
4. Alan Comstock (Chair of Music) answered questions from the General Education Council with regard to the Music Department's petition requesting that Music History I and II be added to General Education Goal 2B Humanities 4. History of a Discipline
  - a. A general discussion ensued about the implications for adding another course to this category, the dangers of setting a precedent moving forward and how this might affect additional petitions in light of future changes to the general education program.
  - b. Andy Houchins made a motion to approve the petition. Shawna Shane seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously 9-0.

Adjourned: 4:15 pm

Recorder: km