

General Education Council
Minutes
March 22, 2017

Members Present: Ben Wescoatt, Tod Leavitt, Jeremy Tost, Aubrey Fowler, Lai Orenduff, Mark Smith, Gayle Taylor

Members Absent: Jane Kinney

Guests: Dr. Robert Harding, Dr. Calvin Walker, Dr. Kate Warner, Dr. Michael Black

General Education Program Discussion:

Dr. Warner was unable to make the meeting.

- Area E:

Students will demonstrate knowledge of diversity in individual and social behavior, the structure and processes of the United States government, and the importance of historical changes over time.

Area E is comprised of courses from the following departments.

- African American Studies
 - Economics
 - History
 - Physics, Astronomy, and Geosciences
 - Political Science
 - Psychology
 - Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justices
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- Observations:
 - ECON 1500 is a required course for the Office Administration and Technology major.
 - PSYC 1101 is offered as an online course.
 - HIST 2111or 2112 fulfills one state requirement.
 - POLS 1101 fulfills a state requirement.
 - A good percentage of full-time faculty teach Area E Core courses.
 - Participate in FLCs and cohort groups. (Stress relationship between Core course and other disciplines).

- AFAM/WGST cross-listing promotes healthy enrollment and increases diversity across areas.

Trends:

- Social values and civic-minded engagement have become more important.
- Environment more important
- Mediation: make connections
- Retention and success
- We live in a different culture, one of accountability and regular assessments.

Issues:

1. Questions of quality
 - a. Sections offered
 - b. Size of sections
 - c. Faculty status
 - d. Times offered
 - e. Different appropriate disciplinary agencies (NCTE for English), (ACS for chemistry)
2. Productivity
 - a. Demand/availability
 - b. Service courses
 - c. Enrollment: average class sizes
 - d. Withdrawal rates
 - e. Online offerings
 - f. Advising: problems with checklists
 - g. Re-evaluate Required /elective courses
 - h. 64% of student enrollment in SOCI, ANTH, CRJU AND PSYCH
 - i. Cohort groups
3. Relevant data
4. Mapping- co-ordination
5. Assessment measures
 - a. Pre-post tests
 - b. Oral exams
 - c. Nationally-based
 - d. Quizzes

- e. Research papers
- f. Expository papers
- g. Oral presentations
- h. Portfolios
- i. Creative projects