

**MINUTES**  
**General Education Council**  
**Tuesday, May 22, 2012**  
**3 p.m.**  
**WH 118, the Hall of Fame Room**

**Members in Attendance:** Byron Brown, John Gaston, Brian Gerber, Sheri Gravett

**Updates:**

1. Minutes from the April 17, 2012 meeting posted at <http://www.valdosta.edu/gec/GECMinutes.shtml>
2. Core Video from Mass Media Students will be used during summer orientation sessions
3. Core FAQs (now available at <http://www.valdosta.edu/gec/CoreCurriculumFAQs.shtml>)

**Discussion**

1. Core Curriculum Assessment Schedule (by date)  
Department Heads have already received a core curriculum assessment schedule by department. The GEC next looked at the same schedule by semester. These will be distributed to department heads next week. UPDATE: email sent on May 29, 2012
2. Planning for Core Curriculum Meeting: Tuesday, August 7, from 1:30-3 p.m. in the UC Cypress Room  
Members discussed plans for the Core Curriculum Meeting in August. From past experience, they all would like to see the meeting be as interactive as possible, featuring a combination of presenting information and providing opportunities for discussion.  
  
The first potential topic discussed was how to introduce the Complete College Georgia initiative, particularly about ways the core curriculum will be impacted by this initiative. Members talked about innovative practices already in place to enhance student success, such as embedded tutors or librarians, new hybrid courses, or the new Strategic Focus on Writing Across the Curriculum. Representatives from these areas could come to talk about what they have done in the past and the whole group could also discuss future directions.  
  
Another potential topic raised was the continuing need for strong assessment as the pathway to curricular innovation.  
  
With these two potential topics in mind, members agreed to work on the following for the next meeting:

- (1) To look for resources (on YouTube or elsewhere) that can help outline the current situation in Higher Education or introduce Complete College Georgia or Complete College America.
- (2) To explore potential outside speakers. Dr. Gravett agreed to contact Faculty Development colleagues in the USG system office for recommendations.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

June 26 at 2 p.m. in Nevins 1060C

July 23 at 2 p.m. in Nevins 1060C (note the date change: this date is a Monday)