

# General Education Council Meeting

## Minutes

March 17, 2014

3:00pm WS 2806

**Present:** Dwight Brady, Mike Burgmeier, David Donovan, Katerina Klawes, Jill Leonard (Chair), Carolyn Lowe, Andy Poe, Kim Rotundo, Kristen Smith, Robert Winn

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of 3/11/14 approved.
2. **Announcements & Reminders**
  - a. Gen Ed Forum next Monday, March 24 from 3:00-5:00pm, Charcoal Room, U.C.
  - b. GEC meeting following Tuesday, March 25 from 10 :30am-12:00pm
3. **Progress on University Requirements proposals**
  - a. **English**

Soldner suggests setting the COMPASS e-Write Exam score to 11 or higher to fulfill the First-Year Composition component. We discussed the pros/cons of the requirement. Lowe/Winn called the question. The proposal to submit a written English competency requirement passed unanimously. It was suggested that we give a courtesy call to Honors to make sure they are aware their courses listed in this proposal would meet the GenEd outcomes for effective communication.
  - b. **Math.**

We discussed appropriate courses and other options that could be used to satisfy a mathematics competency requirement as well as the pros/cons of the requirement. Donovan/Smith called the question. The proposal to submit a mathematics competency requirement passed unanimously.
4. **Gen Ed Model Development Stage II**
  - a. **Alterations to our current model**

Leonard and Winn are meeting Thursday with Paul Lang to share and discuss our proposals.

The issue of a minimum grade for all GenEd courses was discussed. It would be difficult to determine if the learning outcomes were being met without a minimum grade. We talked about whether a C or C- would be best. There are no minimums in the current program (essentially a D-) except for Foundations of Communications where a C or better is required. The MTA requires a C or higher for every course. We agreed to require a C or higher for all GenEd courses.
  - b. **Presentation development for Forum.**

We worked on the PowerPoint presentation for the March 24 Forum. Leonard will

forward to everyone for final review before the Forum.

c. **Development of Senate proposal.**

We made just a few changes/edits before the meeting ended.

**5. Good of the Order**

None

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Burgmeier