

**General Education Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**September 25, 2014**  
**2:00pm West 2806**

**Present:** Kim Barron, Mike Burgmeier, David Donovan, Kat Klawes, Jill Leonard (Chair), Carolyn Lowe, Andy Poe, Kim Rotundo, Mark Smith, Rob Winn.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of 9/11/14 approved.
2. **Update Items**
  - a. **Senate Change Process**

The Senate had the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of our two proposed revisions to the Gen Ed program. There were a few minor questions. Discussion and debate will take place at the next Senate meeting.
  - b. **Progress on Submissions**

We have 3 proposals to date (Integrative Thinking: 2; Perspectives on Society: 1). It was suggested that once we have a few good proposals we should send out another email pointing out these examples along with a reminder of the deadlines.
  - c. **Office Hours Event**

Reminder: The Office Hours Event is scheduled for Thursday, October 2 from 2:00-4:00pm in West 2806. Leonard will send out an announcement. Winn will order light refreshments.
  - d. **Letter to Assessment Trial Data Providers**

Burgmeier has not drafted a response yet.
  - e. **Associate Degree Requirements Related to General Education**

Rotundo sent draft documents to Leonard for review.
  - f. **Visits by Math and English (RE: University Requirements)**

Math will send someone to the October 9 meeting. English (Ray Ventre & Laura Soldner) would like to attend the October 23 meeting.
3. **Proposal for Changing the Lab Science University Requirement**

Lowe presented a draft proposal for revising the Lab Science requirement. We discussed and made some editorial changes. Since the primary purpose of this requirement is to demonstrate the scientific method, we agreed to indicate that courses need to come from the natural sciences (astronomy, biology, chemistry, the Earth sciences and physics). We still need approval for oversight of the university requirements. Jill will approach the Academic

Senate Chair, Rachel Nye, about the process for requesting such oversight.

**4. Review of Integrative Thinking Proposal (SP 110)**

We would like to see a closer link between assignments and the dimensions (how assignment(s) fit a particular dimension). We would also like to see more details in the plan for assessment. Leonard will provide feedback to Cantrill through the Submission site. Leonard will also update the tip sheet with some of the key points we discussed and add the tip sheet to the Submission web site.

**5. Good of the Order**

We will review the Sociology (Perspectives on Society) and Business (Integrative Thinking) proposals at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Mike Burgmeier, Secretary