

**The Minutes of  
THE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
OF  
ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY**

The general Education Committee met Thursday, April 11, 2019 in Brown 355. The following were present:

Dr. Cathi McMahan  
Ms. Katy Dodd  
Dr. Erin Clair  
Dr. Rajib Choudhury  
Dr. David Ward

Dr. Christine Austin  
Dr. Pam Carr  
Dr. Jeremy Schwehm

The following were absent:

Dr. John O'Connor  
Dr. Alaric Williams

Dr. David Blanks

Minutes

Dr. Ward called the meeting to order. Dr. Ward asked the committee for a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Dr. Schwehm made a motion to approve minutes and Dr. Carr seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Proposal: Remove “Wellness Concepts” from General Education Goals:

Dr. Clair proposed that the **Wellness Concepts Goals be removed from General Education Goals**. Dr. Clair made motion to remove and Dr. Schwehm seconded motion. This will not affect Wellness program, just removes Wellness Concepts from General Education Goals. Motion passed. Dr. Ward will take this to the Faculty Senate.

Proposal: Course Proposal Form for General Education Curriculum:

Dr. Clair brought forward a proposal for a **new form that would be utilized when courses are asked to be considered as part of the General Education Curriculum**. Dr. Clair suggested that all review the form and pay close attention to the wording in Section III. Based on the approval of above item “Understand Wellness Concepts” will be removed from the form. Dr. Schwehm shared that there are some definitions that were created by General Education for Passport, so it was suggested that Section III be revised utilizing those terms and information. Dr. Austin volunteered to revise Section V – she suggested adding a hyperlink to General Education goals or adding additional information to Section I – noting that the course does not have to address all General Education goals. She also suggested that the committee might want to limit number of goals addressed in a submitted course. Dr. Schwehm and Dr. Clair will work on revising Section III. Dr. Carr motioned and Dr. Clair seconded the motion to accept the form in lieu of discussed changes and to send

revised form out with changes for all to accept approved changes and to move forward with form for all new proposed General Education courses.

Proposal: Initial General Education Committee Realignment to present to VP:

Dr. Ward presented the following draft:

A.VP will appoint Chair of General Education Committee to 3-year term, from a faculty member that is currently a member of the committee. Dr. Schwehm proposed that this draft be changed to read:

The Faculty Senate Chair in consultation with previous General Education Chair will appoint the Chair of the General Education Committee to 3-year term, from a faculty member that is currently a member of the committee.

Discussion took place on how these suggested changes would be approved or moved forward – changes must go through Faculty Senate and then voted on by faculty.

Draft also included B:

A representative from each of English, Math, Natural Science, History, and Political Science, and Behavioral Sciences will be appointed by their respective Dean. These representatives will have 1 year renewable terms. There was discussion on what departments should be represented.

Dr. Clair stated that Section B should read:

A representative from each of the departments of English, Math, Physical or Biological Sciences, History and Political Science, and Behavioral Sciences will be appointed by their respective Dean.

Section C of draft reads: The rest of the committee and elected membership will remain the same.

This means the final, approved proposal reads:

**The Faculty Senate Chair in consultation with previous General Education Chair will appoint the Chair of the General Education Committee to 3-year term, from a faculty member that is currently a member of the committee.**

**A representative from each of the departments of English, Math, Physical or Biological Sciences, History and Political Science, and Behavioral Sciences will be appointed by their respective Dean.**

**The rest of the committee and elected membership will remain the same.**

Dr. Clair made motion to accept revised proposal and Dr. Schwehm seconded. Motion carried.

Open Forum: It was noted that General Education forms and information does not currently have a home. From this point forward General Education forms and information will be housed with Dr. Austin on the Assessment website and eventually on the Registrar's website. Dr. Austin stated that proposed General Education courses should start with General Education Committee.

May Meeting: Dr. Clair made a motion to suspend May meeting unless there is a need for a called meeting and Dr. Schwehm seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.