

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

The general Education Committee met Tuesday, December 4, 2018 in Brown 355. The following were present:

Dr. Pam Carr	Dr. Cathi McMahan
Dr. David Blanks	Dr. Jeremy Schwehm
Dr. Erin Clair	Dr. Alaric Williams
Dr. Rajib Choudhury	Dr. Christine Austin
Dr. David Ward	

The Following were absent:

Ms. Katy Dodd	Dr. John O'Connor
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Minutes                      Dr. Ward called the meeting to order and asked the committee for a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Dr. Schwehm asked for a revision to the November 6, 2018 minutes. Dr. Williams made a motion to approve minutes with revisions. Dr. Blanks seconded the motion. Minutes approved with revisions.

Dr. Ward suggested that we move our meeting time to the 2nd Thursday of the month (to avoid conflict with other scheduled meetings). Dr. Williams made the motion to move spring meeting dates to the following and Dr. Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Thursday, February 14, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, March 14, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 11, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, May 9, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m.

CPGE Committee            Dr. Austin reported that the proposed cost from Blackboard to add component to align course and program goals is too costly. Dr. Austin is going to talk with Dr. Bridgmon to see what they might be able to do. We will have to continue to utilize CPGE system at this time.

Dr. Austin will email out a reminder prior to Fall grades being due to remind faculty to input CPGE data (email will go out Tuesday, December 11, 2018). Dr. Ward suggested that we award a certificate to the Department that enters the most by a certain time.

Communication            Dr. Blanks reported that the subcommittee is still in working on Mission statement and particulars pertaining to mission statement. Also working on how to best re-energize/re-package the importance of General Education. How to align Tech values and General Education. Looking to a possible rebrand. Dr. Blanks encouraged all to be involved in this process.

Dr. Schwehm shared findings from some other colleges/universities. Dr. Blanks suggested we re-package General Education and look to applying for a grant to get Arkansas Tech on the map. Discussion took place on ATU history and history of General Education at ATU.

Dr. Ward suggested we remind each other of postings on Blackboard site and encouraged all to review. Dr. Blanks will continue with discussion and possibly have name and plan for next meeting. Dr. Ward stated that goal for next meeting is to have a plan in place for the meeting. Dr. Williams and Dr. Blanks will check with the Grants and Sponsored Programs office to discuss grant opportunities.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.