

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

The general Education Committee met Thursday, February 14, 2019 in Brown 355. The following were present:

Dr. Cathi McMahan
Dr. David Blanks
Dr. Erin Clair
Dr. Rajib Choudhury
Dr. David Ward

Dr. Christine Austin
Ms. Katy Dodd

The following were absent:

Dr. John O'Connor
Dr. Jeremy Schwehm

Dr. Pam Carr
Dr. Alaric Williams

Guests in attendance:

Dr. Justin Killingsworth

Dr. Bryan Rank

Minutes

Dr. Ward called the meeting to order and introduced guests – Dr. Justin Killingsworth and Dr. Bryan Rank. Dr. Ward asked the committee for a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Dr. Claire made a motion to approve minutes from December 4, 2018 meeting. Dr. Blanks seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Proposal from Agriculture: Dr. Killingsworth and Dr. Rank presented proposal to make AGBU 2103 A Global Perspective: Resources, Food, and Safety a General Education Humanities Course. Dr. Blanks made a motion to reject the proposal to approve AGBU 2103 as a General Education Humanities course. Dr. Clair seconded the motion. Dr. Blanks questioned why this course and what is reasoning for this course to be approved as General Education requirement. Dr. Killingsworth and Dr. Rank stated reasons as to why they felt this course should be considered a General Education Fine Arts/Humanities course. Dr. Rank discussed course and content of course in length. Dr. Blanks stated that the committee was in agreement that the goals and intent of the course meet General Education goals, but don't feel that it fits General Education goals/requirement as a Fine Arts/Humanities. Dr. Killingsworth questioned why it was not a fit. Dr. Clair discussed how Fine Arts and Humanities are classified as General Education and goals of ATU General Education courses. Dr. Banks suggested Dr. Killingsworth and Dr. Rank rescind the proposal and re-submit the course as a Social Science General Education course. Dr. Killingsworth stated he felt the course would be considered a Humanities General Education course, but if

it is not a fit then they would go back to the department and discuss further alternatives. Motion to reject proposal passed.

CPGE Committee Dr. Austin reported 72-73% completion rate. Concurrent return rate is not great. Continue to work on and encourage faculty to complete.

Communication Dr. Blanks reported on a grant that he is looking into. He has talked with the Office of Sponsored Programs and University Initiatives regarding a Mellon grant. He will need to produce a white paper to state why ATU fits this grant and how funds would be spent. It is a rolling grant, so no timeline on due date. Dr. Banks asked us to please provide input for the grant and how grant funds could be spent. Dr. Banks encouraged the committee to look at the Mellon website and think of how General Education could be improved on the ATU campus.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.