

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

The general Education Committee met Thursday, March 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
Dr. Pam Carr
Dr. Jeremy Schwehm

The following were absent:

Dr. John O'Connor
Dr. Alaric Williams

Ms. Katy Dodd

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

CPGE Committee Dr. Austin reported that CPGE process is still in place.

General Ed Grant Report Dr. Austin reported on General Education Workshop that she, Dr. Clair, Dr. Blanks, and Dr. Schwehm attended. The team worked together to come up with an action plan. Steps include the following: Clarify and format forms. Establish General Education course review committee and process. Look into a sunset clause for courses that are no longer considered General Education content courses. Create form for courses to be submitted for approval as a General Education course. Dr. Austin shared that we need to address General Education prior to HLC visit. Need to develop philosophy, mission, and vision for General Education. Also need to address structure and membership of General Education Committee. May need longer serving members on the committee.

Dr. Austin shared that General Education should be the foundation of every program here at ATU. We need to impart the importance of General Education courses to students.

Dr. Blanks shared a hand-out on goals for a pilot study for the Mellon Foundation Grant. Refer to hand-out – three goals are referenced on the hand-out. Dr. Blanks reflected on the importance of General Education and how this grant could help move ATU forward. Dr. Blanks suggested we need to look to re-structuring the General Education Committee soon and shared ideas of how we can start this process.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.