

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

The general Education Committee met Tuesday, November 6, 2018 in Brown 355. The following were present:

Dr. Pam Carr	Ms. Katy Dodd
Dr. David Blanks	Dr. Jeremy Schwehm
Dr. Erin Clair	Dr. Alaric Williams
Dr. Rajib Choudhury	Dr. John O'Connor
Dr. Cathi McMahan	Dr. David Ward

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

Next meeting December 4, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Brown 355

Dr. Ward reminded all to complete CPGE for Fall 2018. Dr. Austin will send out an email reminder.

CPGE Committee Dr. Schwehm is working with Dr. Mikles-Schleterman regarding outcomes for service learning. Dr. Austin shared that there has been discussion with blackboard in order to utilize Blackboard more efficiently and effectively. Blackboard is currently preparing a proposal for ATU and should have ready next week. Proposal should include updates and cost.

Communication Dr. Blanks reported the Communication Committee's charge is to get the message out to Tech faculty regarding the role of the General Education Committee and importance General Education Learning Outcomes. "Tech Ten" ... need to re-think the message and simplify. Dr. Blanks discussed "Tech Top Ten" and the notion to condense the top ten – need to look more at what are we trying to achieve. Suggested that we may need to look at repackaging General Education, especially in light of HLC visit.

Dr. Austin visited with Dr. Bowen regarding General Education and Dr. Bowen appeared supportive of realigning general education goals and learning outcomes.

Dr. Austin suggested that the General Education Committee may want to start looking at other colleges/universities General Education programs and further brainstorm what our students need – how to best prepare students for future/career. May also want to explore the tenants of Passport and expand on.

Dr. Schwehm shared experience regarding taking General Education/Passport information to Faculty Senate – Faculty Senate not receptive – did not like outside entity having control. Faculty Senate charged General Education Committee to do the work.

Dr. Blanks stated that General Education Committee needs to find the mechanism on how to get there. Suggested we use a two-prong approach: come up with ideas on what we need for ATU and second prong is the process. We need to think about what we want and align with new branding. Dr. Ward suggested we include key faculty senate members in the process.

Dr. Blanks suggested that the General Education Committee needs to study and brainstorm as to what we want ATU students to learn/achieve. We can use Blackboard discussion board to share ideas and discuss. Suggested that we talk to key people regarding changes in General Education. Dr. Schwehm will update Blackboard site.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.