

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

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

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

Absent: Dr. John O'Connor, Dr. Cathi McMahan

Minutes	Dr. Ward then asked the committee for a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Dr. Blanks made the motion to approve. Dr. Schwehm seconded the motion. Minutes approved as distributed.
Committee Member	Dr. Ward discussed the importance of attendance at General Education Committee meetings. Dr. Blanks agreed and suggested Dr. Ward send out communication prior the next General Education meeting stressing the importance of attendance. Dr. Ward announced the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 2 in Brown 355.
Sub-Committees	Dr. Ward spoke to the committee about the use of sub-committees to reach the overall General Education Committee goals. Dr. Ward suggested each sub-committee meet before the next full committee meeting and report progress back to the General Education Committee.
Discussion	The members of the General Education Committee discussed how to measure knowledge gained across the entirety of a degree, including how general education goals are addressed across the curriculum. The pros and cons of end-of-program assessments, standardized tests for general education, and other university-level assessments were discussed. Dr. Clair spoke to the importance of assessing accurately across various degrees and the difficult task of assessment when programs have differing general education requirements. Dr. Ward mentioned the need for a process to improve general education course offerings. Dr. Blanks added that we need (as an institution) to be working from a shared vision and that the Communication Sub-Committee could work to communicate that vision.

Action

The CPGE Sub-Committee planned to meet to finalize mapping of general education courses to institutional general education learning outcomes. The CPGE Sub-Committee would then forward this mapping to the Communication Subcommittee. The Communication Sub-Committee would begin work on a presentation of general education outcomes to get buy-in from Deans, Department Heads, and Faculty.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.