



General Education Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: 18 November 2021
Day/Time: Thursday 3:00pm
Location: Online - WebEx

Committee Members:

presiding	Erin Clair	Host	Hye You	Absent
notes	Jay Post	Present	Jennifer Enderlin	Present
	Jeff Woods	Present	Randall Colvin	Present
	Tenille Lasker-Scott	Absent	Ernest Enchelmayer	Absent
	David Ward	Present	Leslie Bain	Present
	John O'Connor	Absent	Arwen Taylor	Present (late)
	Amber Harrington Gardener	Absent	Tara Malone	Present (late)
	Wan Wei	Present	Cheryl Chaney	Present
	Sandy Smith	Present	Christine Austin (ad hoc)	Present
	Jacob Grosskopf	Absent	Jeff Robertson	Absent

I. Opening

A. Call to order

B. Approval of minutes October 2021 (attached):

- Motion to approve: Jeff Woods
- Second: Leslie Bain
- Abstain: 0
- Oppose: 0
- Support: 11
- Passed

Achieved Minutes: <https://www.atu.edu/generaleducation/committee.php>

II. Updates

A. Chair (Erin Clair)

1. Assessment Reminders: AH, Critical Thinking (beta). Spring 2022: Critical Thinking and Ethical Perspectives (beta)
 2. ACT 1038: Personal finance and macroeconomics course
New legislation can be found at the following link: <https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Bills/Detail?id=SB694&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>
The Gen Ed Cmte approved the course that fulfills this legislation (FIN 2013: Personal Finance) during the Jan 2021 meeting
(atu.edu/assessment/documents/minutes/gen.ed/2021/gened_minutes_jan2021.pdf)
 - The AR universities of the presidents will decide on the content for the new module for all students to complete.
 - This will be an asynchronous module for students to complete.
 - The question if this is a Gen Edu requirement or go into the TECH 1001/1013.
- **Sub-Committees:**
 - **Program Review:** (Chair: Jeff Woods)
 - Update
Subcommittee goals for this semester: Send draft of new goals to deans and departments (**completed**), VPAA, and Faculty Senate for review and feedback (**delayed until Spring 2022**). Draft policies and procedures (**completed**).
 - Waiting for feedback from deans.
 - Possibly send to faculty senate next semester.
 - David Ward had feedback. Define what is a unit. Worried about recruitment aspect of credits vs unit. Would there be an issue of missing a unit even if after fulfilling the numbers of credit hours? What is issue of competition for number of units for similar level of courses?
 - Jeff Woods has this concerns in mind and will have more information on how to brand this to where it is selling point to be more attractive and productive. There is a possibility of the changing the name of units. But the number of credits for Gen Edu is going to stay the same.
 - More faculty to starting to buy into this shift. It's part of the process for change.
 - Erin, Jeff, and David feel like this process is going well with all things considered.
 - **Assessment:** (Chair: Christine Austin)
 - Scientific Reasoning Report
 - AH Goal Report
Subcommittee goals for this semester: 1. Assess AH artifacts from Spring 2021 goal assessment (**completed**). 2. Employ AH goal assessment again (**completed**). 3. Distribute results of second scientific reasoning assessment and get feedback from faculty and heads (**to be completed by Thanksgiving break**) 4. Beta test critical thinking goal assessment (**in process**)
 - Working how to disseminate the results from the Fall 2020 pilot (scientific reasoning). Can see across all of the course on the issues and successes.
 - Going to start the next pilot for improvements with the last two questions.
 - Still in the process for scoring the Arts & Humanities pilot.
 - The rubric seemed to work well, just need more data.
 - The rubrics were usable with the scorers.
 - Looking how to have better reliability of scorers.
 - Faculty can learn how to adapt assignments to meet the outcomes better.
 - **Civic Engagement** (Chair: Sandy Smith)
 - Update
Subcommittee goals for this semester: 1. Deploy first faculty cohort of civic engagement in gen ed. 2. Run first assessment in their courses. 3. Plan for workshop for faculty with cohort panel.
 - Sandy Smith has been working with David Eisleman and Doug Barren.

- Discussions on how to engage with community as objective of the course.
- Looking for more opportunities on how to close the loop for fulfilling an outcome of civic engagement.
- Still gathering information with American Gov't courses.
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- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** (Chair: Tennille Lasker-Scott)
 - UpdateSubcommittee goals for this semester: 1. Resources for faculty. 2. PD for faculty.
 - Arwen Taylor reported on how language is being considered on how to present DEI without others getting worked up.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Open forum

Closing

- Motion to adjoin: Jennifer Enderlin
- Second: Jeff Woods

FUTURE MEETINGS:

January 27, 2022, 3:00pm
February 24, 2022, 3:00pm
March 31, 2022, 3:00pm
April 28, 2022, 3:00pm
