

General Education Council Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2020
3:30 p.m., Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Cavitt (Chair), Erhart, Hanks, Supancic, Blunk, Farah, Shah, Allsup, Houser, Peeler, Domsch, Wang, Watt, Wilson, White, Stern, Tschirhart, Hamilton, Chrans, Nielson, Benacquisto, Cardenas, Haider

Absent: Vacaflares Rivero

Guests: Ms. Micky Autrey, Mr. Dana Willett, Dr. Kambra Bolch, Dr. Beth Wuest, Dr. Vedaraman Sriraman

Cavitt welcomed attendees

The minutes of October 12, 2020 were discussed and approved unanimously.

Sriraman and Willett presented opportunity for faculty to submit applications for GEER-funded Open Educational Resources grants. The council discussed long-term goals for affordable learning materials and also funding from the Governor that targets core-curriculum courses delivered online.

Bolch discussed THECB report on core curriculum, including “meta-majors” and guided pathways program.

Cavitt introduced Dr. Wuest to discuss the Texas Core Curriculum Assessment Reports, including updates and changes made to the reporting forms. The assessment subcommittee discussed ways to improve the process. Committee members who have not submitted assessment reports yet should do so as soon as possible.

Cavitt and Wilson led a discussion on this year’s holistic assessments, including challenges due to COVID-19 impact on competencies.

The council voted on two course additions – ENG 1321 and ENG 2371 passed unanimously. The council also voted on moving English 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2359 and 2360 to 040 (Language, Philosophy and Culture) – this proposal also passed unanimously.

Cavitt called for new business. No new business was presented.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.