

Minutes
General Education Council
October 16, 2023, in THH 474, 3:30 PM

Attendees: Hanks, Weimer, Morrish, Nason, Shah, Showalter, Hamilton, Mandziuk, Duganne, McClanahan, Wang, Kelemen, Brown, White, Tschirhart, Sawyers, Crawford, Infante (ex-officio), Supancic (ex-officio)

Absent: Peter Tschirhart (sent alternate), Delaney, Stern

Guest: Sriraman, Olson

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm.

Housman welcomed attendees. Members were introduced. Sriraman was introduced and discussed restructuring over the summer; GEC now falls under his scope.

Sriraman recognized how council members work hard to maintain the integrity of the curriculum. He thanked Mary Ellen Cavitt for her leadership of this council for the past few years and introducing Jeff Housman who is replacing Cavitt. He went on to speak about Ron Brown who was a mentor to him and many others and was glad to see him return to the council. Also thanked Housman and Supancic who worked this summer on work done on the doctoral programs along with many of you on the council. He advised that many new programs would soon be launched and suggested that the committee may want to investigate what this means in terms of having sufficiency in terms of core curriculum. He discussed the impact of TXST Global on the core curriculum.

Housman asked for input regarding who had been on Assessment subcommittee. The composition of the assessment and curriculum subcommittees were discussed. An assessment subcommittee chair is needed as Nancy Wilson stepped down.

Olson discussed the composition of the assessment subcommittee. With Nancy Wilson and others stepping down, the composition of the assessment subcommittee has changed. The assessment process was briefly discussed.

Housman and Olson proposed the GEC allow Dr. Sonya Armstrong from the College of Education to serve as the assessment subcommittee despite not being part of GEC. Dr. Sriraman, Housman and Olson indicated the policy does not forbid someone as an external person from chairing the subcommittee so it would be open to a vote unless someone from the GED has a desire to assume those duties. Olson asked if anyone at this time would like to chair? No one volunteered.

Hamilton made a motion to have Dr. Sonya Armstrong serve as the Assessment committee chair. Amy Weimer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

White asked if we are skipping the first audit. Housman said that is what he and Olson had been working on to see how it is going to work this year. Olson has been filling in the gaps. Housman will check with Olson and see if it will be necessary for this group to look at the methods. White said he audits the entire College of Fine Arts and when he went into the system the GEC courses, he audited last year were already populated in his role. Housman said he thought they were trying to help move them along, but they have not been approved yet, only set up. He will confirm and report back.

Housman noted he had updated the course proposal review dates for GEC review before going to the University Curriculum Committee (UCC). There was a review of what presenters need to have just to be sure that they are not given misinformation.

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Housman said he will schedule those trying schedule the additions first. They mentioned that there were some samples on the GEC website as samples that were good.

Weimer requested for information on data was discussed, what is the capacity? Housman stated he will contact IR to determine if data are available.

Housman thanked everyone. Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.