General Education Council

Teams Virtual Meeting

November 17, 2020

I. Attendance
- Attendance was documented based on those members and guests who typed their name in the chat box to be recorded. *(Attendance attached, quorum present.)*

II. Approval of Minutes
- Brendan Callahan motioned to approve the October 20, 2020 minutes and Lauren Taglialatela seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

III. Old Business
- None

IV. New Business
- New Curriculum Proposals
  - DATA 1501: Susan Rouse motioned to approve, and Holly Deal and Ryan Ronnenberg seconded. All who voted were in favor.
  - MATH 1001: Susan Rouse motioned to approve, and Lauren Taglialatela seconded. All who voted were in favor.
  - Waive Second Reading: Lauren Taglialatela motioned to waive the second reading of these courses and Dorian Jackson seconded. All who voted were in favor.
- General Education and the Core Curriculum: The Council held an open discussion about the definition of and functionality of General Education at Kennesaw State University, which included comparison with what other USG institutions are doing. The group agreed they would like to see examples and information from comparator institutions who have gone beyond the core curriculum.

V. Announcements
- Next agenda deadline: January 5, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.
- The next GEC meeting is January 19, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. via MS Teams.

  The meeting schedule with links, agendas, and minutes can be found on the https://cia.kennesaw.edu website under Curriculum Committees, GPCC, Schedule/Agenda/Minutes.

VI. Adjournment
- Meredith Ginn motioned to adjourn, and Tim Mathews and Joy Brookshire seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

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Attachments

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	Area	Name of Council Members		Present (P)	Term Expires
1	Bagwell College of Education	Brendan	Callahan	P	2022
2	College of Architecture and Construction Management	Peter	Pittman	A	2021
3	College of Computing and Software Engineering	Hisham	Haddad	P	2022
4	Anthropology	Susan	Smith	P	2022
5	Communication	Meredith	Ginn	P	2022
6	Composition	Jeanne	Bohannon	A	2021
7	Criminal Justice	Tanja	Link	P	2021
8	Foreign Languages	Dorian (Lee)	Jackson	P	2021
9	Geography	Brad	Suther	P	2021
10	History	Ryan	Ronnenberg	P	2022
11	Interdisciplinary Studies	Trina	Queen	A	2021
12	Office of the Dean – Perspectives	Nirmal	Trivedi	A	2021
13	Office of the Dean – Leadership and Integrative Studies	Heather	Scott	A	2021
14	Literature	Carola	Mattord	A	2022
15	Philosophy	Susan	Rouse	P	2022
16	Political Science	Tom	Doleys	P	2022
17	Psychology	Lauren	Taglialatela	P	2022
18	Sociology	Brian	Starks	A	2021
19	Economics	Tim	Mathews	P	2022
20	Art and Design	Debbie	Hutchinson	P	2022
21	Dance	Natalie	Berry	P	2022
22	Music				Pending
23	Theatre and Performance Studies				Pending
24	Biology – Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal	Matthew	Laposata	P	2021
25	Biology – Molecular and Cellular	Joy	Brookshire	P	2022
26	Chemistry	Huggins	Msimanga	A	2022
27	Mathematics	Bruce Ken	Thomas/ Keating	P	2022
28	Physics	Ben	Rybolt	A	2022
29	Statistics	Holly	Deal	P	2022
30	Honors College	Brian	Etheridge	P	2022
31	Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology	Matthew	Marshall	P	2022
32	WellStar College of Health and Human Services	Mia	Oberlton	P	2021
	Faculty Director of General Education and Curriculum Development	Kris	DuRocher	P	Non-voting
	*All are voting members, unless otherwise indicated.				
	Other Attendees				
	CSM	Nicole	Carder	P	
	CSM	Linda	Galloway	P	
	CHSS	Carmen	Skaggs	P	

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	AAF	Raven	Malliett	P	
	AAF	Amy	Jones	P	
	AAF	Pam	Cole	P	
	AAF	Anissa	Vega	P	
	COTA	Peter	Fielding	P	
	Registrar	Gabriel	Lindo-Ardila	P	
	CDA	Alice	Pate	P	
	COLES	Hope	Baker	P	
	Accreditation	Danielle	Buehrer	p	
	Quorum: 16/30; 21 present				

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Welcome!
The meeting will start shortly

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We ask that *everyone mute their mic* when you are not speaking.

We ask that you please use the "Raise Your Hand" feature to request to speak. *(You need to have the full screen shown to see the "raise your hand" icon.)* Click the icon and wait for your name to be called. If you are not called upon in a timely manner, speak during the next pause in the discussion.

Please turn on your camera when you are speaking for accessibility purposes.
[For individuals with any hearing impairment, "Live Captions" is available. To turn on "Live Captions", click on the ellipsis (⋯) and select the option.]

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Agenda

- Welcome and Attendance
- Approval of past minutes
- New Business
  - New Curriculum Proposals
  - General Education and the Core Curriculum Thoughts
- Announcements

Attendance and Minutes

Attendance and Approval of Minutes

- **Attendance:**
  - Please type your name in the chat for attendance.
  - If you are a proxy for someone please note their name, type and “proxy,” and then your name.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
  - Any discussion or changes?
  - Please type motion to approve in the chat
  - Please type second in the chat
  - Vote: Please type your last name and vote

New Business

Curriculum Voting

- DATA 1501
- MATH 1001
  - Motion to approve in the chat
  - Second in the chat
  - Discussion
  - Call for a vote
- Vote: Please type your last name and vote
- Discussion of waving a second reading
  - Further motions if desired

Clarifications on Core Curriculum and General Education

- No presentation as promised
  - Why?
- Foundational question:
  - What General Education is at KSU?

Underline emphasis added

The USG's Understanding of the Core Curriculum

- Every institution in the USG will have a core curriculum of precisely 42 semester hours. Source
- The USG core curriculum was developed with the goals of assuring institutional accountability for learning, incorporating learning requirements in global perspectives and critical thinking, allowing institutions some flexibility in tailoring courses to their institutional mission, while ensuring that core curriculum courses completed at one USG institution or through eCore, the USG's designated online core curriculum, are fully transferable to another USG institution Source

Underline emphasis added

USG Definition of General Education

- The General Education Curriculum provides foundational knowledge in academic disciplines, exposing students to diverse learning perspectives and ways of knowing in Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, and Arts and Humanities. Source
- Despite the USG defining the Core Curriculum as Areas A-E, the USG tends to use the terms General Education and Core Curriculum interchangeably

Underline emphasis added

SACSCOC Definition

- Through general education, students encounter the basic content and methodology of the principal areas of knowledge: humanities and fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, and natural sciences and mathematics.
- It is essential to understand the general education component of the degree program within the context of the institution's mission and within the expectations of a college-level institution Standard 9.3

Underline emphasis added

AAC&U

- The AAC&U defines as General Education as "The part of a liberal education curriculum shared by all students. It provides broad learning in liberal arts and science disciplines and forms the basis for developing important intellectual, civic and practical capacities. General education can take many forms, and increasingly includes introductory, advanced, and integrative forms of learning." Source
- LEAP's focus is to "define the knowledge and skills gained from a liberal education, providing a framework to guide students' cumulative progress." Source

Purpose of this Information

- We need to understand the USG and SACSCOC requirements, but we have the space to determine how General Education works for KSU and is best for KSU students.

Discussion and Thoughts?

Announcements

Next Meeting

- Next agenda deadline: January 5, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.
- Next meeting: January 19, 2021 at 12:30 pm in Teams.

All meeting links for the year are on the GEC website: https://cia.kennesaw.edu/curriculum-committees/gec.php

Meeting Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn

Thank you!

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