General Education Council  
Minutes of December 7, 2012

The General Education Council held its regular meeting on December 7, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 1118, Anne Belk Hall.

Voting members present: Phillip Ardoin, Laurie Atkins, Michael Behrent, Jennifer Burris, Rodney Duke, Michael Krenn, Paulette Marty, Kelly McBride, Sherone Price, Joel Sanqui, Laurie Semmes, Jim Toub

Non-voting members present: Patty Dale, Elaine Gray, Kristin Hyle, Mike Mayfield, Angela Mead, Sheryl Mohn, Lynne Waugh, Jeni Wyatt

Guests present: Bill Anderson, Tom Hansell

Voting member absent: Briana McLeod, Georgia Rhoades, Dylan Russell

Dr. Marty called the meeting to order at 3:05 when a quorum was reached.

**VOTE 1:** Minutes of 11/16/12 meeting  
Yes: 9  No: 0  Abstain: 0  Minutes approved as written.

**Course Proposals:**

**VOTE 2:** Assessment Advisory Committee members:  
Patricia Allen, Reeves Schulstad, Sherry Hart, Terri Mitchell, Betsy Williams  
Yes: 10  No: 0  Abstain: 0  All members approved.

**VOTE 3:** Historical & Social perspective, Appalachia theme  
AS 2410, Appalachia, An Instruction (Humanities) - DELETE  
Change theme name to “Appalachia: Life, Culture and Land”  
AS 2200, Appalachian Stories  
Historical & Social perspective, Individual and Society theme  
ENG 2120, African-American Literature  
Yes: 10  No: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion passed.  Approved effective Fall 2013.

**VOTE 4:** Literary Studies designation  
AS 2200 Appalachian Stories  
ENG 2120, African-American Literature  
Yes: 11  No: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion passed.  Approved effective Fall 2013.

**VOTE 5:** Fine Arts designation  
AS/MUS 2016, Appalachian Music  
Yes: 11  No: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion passed.  Approved effective Fall 2013.

**VOTE 6:** Science Inquiry Perspective; themes: Restless Planet; Life, Earth, and Evolution; Blue Planet; and Global Environmental Change  
GLY 1010, General Geology Laboratory  
Yes: 11  No: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion passed.  Approved effective Fall 2013.
VOTE 7:  **Capstone**
- GLS 4510, Thesis/Project (DELETE)
- GLS 4550, Senior Capstone
- GLY 4705, Advanced Environmental & Engineering Geology (DELETE)

Yes: 11  No: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion passed. Approved effective Fall 2013.

**GE Program revisions:**

**Governance Structure:**

Discussion points:
- Paulette has received little feedback.
- Chairs and Deans have expressed concern about make up of FCCs restricted to only those colleges with courses in component. Could lead to narrower interpretations, definitions.
- How do we determine representation in these very large components like ILE and LSE – must create committees before courses are approved.
- Concerns about recruiting if we expand committee sizes– sometimes difficult to fill FCCs.

VOTE 8 Proposal to revise the General Education governance structure

Motion to accept as written (posted on Council AsULearn site for review prior to meeting.) Amend motion to make the following changes:

1. Add one at-large member from each college to the voting membership of General Education Council.
2. Strive for committee makeup so that each FCC includes members whose home colleges have courses in the component, with college representation being as proportional as possible.
3. Eliminate the Aesthetic, Historical and Social, and Local to Global Faculty Coordinating Committees.
4. Form new Faculty Coordinating Committee for the Integrative Learning Experience with a minimum of five members.
5. Form new Faculty Coordinating Committee for the Liberal Studies Experience with a minimum of five members.
6. Form new Faculty Coordinating Committee for the Social Science Designation with a minimum of three members.
7. Change committee makeup for the Fine Arts, Historical Studies, and Literary Studies designation Faculty Coordinating Committees from “three members” to “a minimum of three members”.
8. Change committee makeup for the Science Inquiry Faculty Coordinating Committee from “five members” to “a minimum of five members”.
9. Change committee makeup for the Quantitative Literacy and Wellness Literacy Faculty Coordinating Committee from “three members” to “a minimum of three members”.

Yes: 11  No: 0  Abstain: 0  Amended motion approved.

Checksheet draft:

Discussion points:
- Concerns about LSE and ILE requiring only two different disciplines – student could perceivably take 12 hours in one discipline between the ILE and LSE? Have we solved some of this by adding the fourth designator?
Straw poll: Seven voted in favor of changing requirement in LS section to read “at least three disciplines” instead of “at least two disciplines”.

Course proposal form draft:
Discussion points:
- Change question that begins “Briefly describe some ways” to make it more clear who the intended audience is and why we are asking. Paulette will revise based upon this discussion and circulate to Council for further email discussion and revision before circulating on campus.

Theme proposal form draft:
Discussion points:
- This form is ready to circulate on campus.
- Will need to create a separate form for those wanting to add a course to an existing theme.

Adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Submitted by Sheryl M. Mohn (scribe)