

**First-Year Council**  
**February 20, 2015, 3:00-4:00pm, University Hall 113**

**Membership of First-Year Council for 2014-2015** *(listed alphabetically)*

**Rotating Members**

Mr. Mark Biggs, Professor, COAL (member through 2015)  
Dr. Jeffrey Cornelius-White, COE(member through 2017)  
Dr. Clay Franklin, Associate Professor, CHHS (member through 2016)  
Dr. Olen Greer, Professor, COB (member through 2015)  
Crystal Gale, Associate Professor, LIBR (chair through 2015)  
Scott Handley, Assistant Director, Honors College (member through 2017)  
Dr. Stephanie Hein CNAS (member through 2017)  
Dr. Thomas Lane, Assistant Vice President Student Life (member through 2016)  
TBA, Student Representative (member through 2016)  
Dr. Jim Moyer, Professor, CHPA (member through 2015)

**Ex-Officio Members**

Dr. Rachelle Darabi, Associate Provost, Student Development and Public Affairs (standing member)  
Dr. Mike Wood, Director, First-Year Programs (standing member)

**Council Charge:** To advise the Director of First-Year Programs and the Associate Provost for Student Development and Public Affairs on initiatives involving the first-year experience (FYE) at Missouri State University. This includes, but is not limited to: 1) developing a first-year philosophy statement and overarching goals for the program; 2) evaluating the effectiveness of GEP 101, and making recommendations to the Director concerning changes to the course designed to increase academic excellence, enhance student success, and integrate the public affairs mission; 3) providing assistance with the learning communities and common reader programs; and 4) serving as a liaison with other departments/colleges/student affairs as part of a larger effort to inform and address issues involving first-year students.

**Agenda**

- I. Convene meeting— Chair Crystal Gale brought the meeting to order at 3:02.
  - Members in attendance: Clay Franklin, Crystal Gale, Stephanie Hein, Thomas Lane, Jim Moyer, Mark Biggs, Scott Handley, and Mike Wood.
  - Members not in attendance: Jef Cornelius-White, Olen Greer, and Rachelle Darabi.
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting
  - Scott motioned.
  - Jim seconded.
- III. Updates/Discussion:
  - Course evaluation results, fall 2014
    - Overall, the course evaluations indicated an improvement from 2013 to 2014. Copies of course evaluation results were distributed via email/hard copy.
  - Discussion of 4 hour service requirement and Title IX in GEP 101
    - FYP is currently working with Alex Johnson in Community Involvement & Service to provide a menu of options for instructors to select from.
    - Title IX implementation is still in the discussion phase from several faculty work groups.

- College designated sections/first-generation
    - Discussion raised as to the future direction of GEP 101 with more specialized sections with assessment to determine effectiveness
  - Recruitment: Instructor/Peer Leader
  - 2015 Common Reader selected: *The Other Wes Moore*
- IV. Next meeting TBA