

First-Year Council Agenda
Friday, Feb. 9, 2024 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. via Zoom

Membership of First-Year Council for 2023-2024 *(listed alphabetically)*

Rotating Members

Dr. Minor Baker, COE (member through 2024)
Dr. Stephen Berkwitz, CHPA (member through 2024)
Crystal Dicke, LIBR (member through 2025)
Dr. Toby Dogwiler, CNAS (member through 2024)
Scott Handley, Honors College (member through 2024)
Aubrey Hardy, Student Representative, Special Needs Ed major
Rob Moore, Student Affairs (member through 2024)
Dr. Linda Moser, COAL (member through 2025)
Dr. Sarah Murray, CHHS (member through 2025)
Carly Pierson, COB (member through 2025)
Dr. Christi Sudbrock, COA (member through 2025)

Ex-Officio Members

Dr. Kelly Wood, Associate Provost, Student Success (standing member)

Dr. Tracey Glaessgen, Associate Director, Center for Academic Success and Transition (standing member)

Council Charge: To advise the Executive Director and Associate Director, Center for Academic Success and Transition on initiatives involving the first-year experience (FYE) at Missouri State University. These initiatives include, but are not limited to: 1) developing overarching goals for the first-year seminar course, 2) ensuring the course is designed to increase academic skill building, public affairs awareness, and campus connections, 3) evaluating the effectiveness of the first-year seminar course and recommending changes based upon assessment data, 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

1. Convene meeting—
 - *Members in attendance: Crystal Dicke, Toby Dogwiler, Scott Handley, Sarah Murray, Carly Pierson, Christi Sudbrock, Kelly Wood, Tracey Glaessgen*
2. Updates/Discussion:
 - a. GEP 101 Updates
 - Recruitment--GEP 101 Instructors and Peer Leaders
Peer Leader recruitment and instructor recruitment has begun. Deadline is Wed. March 6 for peer leaders. First date of consideration for instructors is Wed. March 13. Outreach efforts include information sessions for peer leaders, notice

in Inside Missouri State, communication to campus offices, instructors, and student leaders.

- Meetings with Dr. Ken Brown

Tracey is meeting monthly with Ken to apprise him of course information

- Course evals

Course evaluations and persistence rates were shared and discussed. Section results were viewed from section types (college, first-generation college, and general), sections with and without a peer leader, and faculty and staff instruction.

- b. Center for Academic Success and Transition

- Title III grant update—

Fall 2024 will start our last grant cohort of FTNIC as our grant officially ends fall 2025. There's a possibility that the grant may be extended to a sixth year with any remaining monies.

- GA and TA positions open with applications due March 6

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Success Coach, and Financial Literacy Assistant Center for Academic Success and Transition and First-Year Programs has posted three graduate (teaching) assistant positions, which are posted on the Graduate College website.

- c. Other discussion items?

Next meeting—Thurs. March 21 from 1:00-2:00pm via zoom