

General Education Task Force
Minutes of the January 26, 2012 meeting

Present: Etta Madden, Chair; Eric Nelson, Tim Knapp, Cindy Hail, Emily Bernet, Kristina Moller, John Catau, Judith Martin, Chris Herr, Cathy Pearman, Pam Sailors, Thomas Lane, Rachelle Darabi, Doug Gouzie, Joyce Jennings-Pineda, and Eric Sheffield.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. in LIBR 204. Rachelle Darabi, Associate Provost for Student Development and Public Affairs, was welcomed.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the Thursday, January 19, 2012, meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

III. LEARNING OUTCOMES DOCUMENT UPDATE

The proposed Learning Outcomes document will soon go out to the campus community. A drafted preface to accompany the document was discussed. Campus members are asked to respond to Senate and CGEIP representatives.

IV. CURRICULAR STRUCTURES

Two proposed structures were discussed (12.6 & 12.13 templates). A question arose about state requirements for Missouri and U. S. constitution and history courses. It was confirmed that we currently require more than is required by the state Senate Bill. It would be possible to require a course that meets requirements in 3 hours, especially if trying to conserve gen ed curricular hours.

When discussing the 12.13 version, it was suggested to reword the category "Self-Development" to be "Life-long Learning." It was confirmed that the articulation agreements acknowledge a 42-hour block of lower-division courses.

A visual diagramming the 12.13 template was explained and discussed. The necessity of having clear documents for students and advisors was affirmed. It was suggested to have both a visual and a checklist/worksheet.

Regarding learning outcomes for courses, it was mentioned that if a course attempts to cover too many categories, it becomes difficult for CGEIP to review. Whether assessment will cut across courses or be on a course-by-course basis was discussed.

It was suggested that CGEIP will be responsible for the call for proposals for new courses.

Everyone was asked to bring new versions of potential curricular structures, if created, to the next meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the FCTL room.