

## General Education Working Group Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2017

1:30pm

Hall of Nations, Centennial Hall

Present		Present	
X	Belby	X	Hay
X	Cocks	X	Hawkins
X	Eschenbaum	X	Mason
X	Galbraith	X	Nunley
X	Hulett	X	Shonk

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1. Approved minutes from 8-1, 8-24
2. Discussed results from brainstorming session, started fleshing out ideas for a proposal

### Current Program Goals

Students will demonstrate knowledge and abilities relating to:

- human cultures and the natural world;
  - critical and creative thinking;
  - aesthetic perspectives and meaning;
  - effective communication;
  - interaction in intercultural contexts;
  - individual, social, and environmental responsibility.
- Integrate two courses together with co-instructors, one project for both (could even keep categories)—6 credits
  - Quest: common theme to pull courses together? Need to do more research on this...
  - Have students write a development plan (strengths and weaknesses) and talk about how they are improving in e-portfolio (one-page reflective piece, graded by the GE instructor)
  - FYE, history, writing, math, science; cornerstone class in sophomore, capstone class in senior
  - Team-taught thematic FYE where instructor teaches one class to multiple sections, staggered
  - Common reading, talks, etc. discussed in FYE
  - Exploring the idea of Strands (have fac map their GEs to strands)
  - FYE (3 cr), Capstone or Experiential Learning or Internships or Service Learning or Research or Study Abroad (3 cr), Middle: e-portfolio, less categories, learning communities
  - 4-year taper: more initially, taper off to some upper levels with lower GE pre-reqs (hard without time and money), maybe a GE minor almost?
  - Core: writing and math and speaking
3. Mission statement proposed clarification: *In an open and transparent way, collecting feedback from the campus, develop at least one proposal for a different GE program that will ~~empower our students to see~~ more clearly show the value and interconnectedness of GE.* Discussed: like it as is.
  4. Other planning
    - a. Open fora – two September, 3<sup>rd</sup> week (Wed 4:00, Thurs 12:25), one mid-October (Tue 2:15 17<sup>th</sup>, one late October (Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:15) (Anne plus three members)
    - b. Student Senate (Anne plus Lauren and one other member)
    - c. Faculty Senate updates (Anne plus Natalie, Tav, and John)

- d. Chair's meetings (Anne plus two members)—Sept. 11 for CLS, others?
  - e. GEC (Anne plus Colin and Sam)
  - f. GEAC (Anne plus Shelley)
  - g. Web site
  - h. Meeting dates
5. "Lack of governance" issue (Senate: vote to proceed, membership, charge): agreed to do this