

**General Education Council**  
**Minutes**  
**April 19, 2017**

Members Present: Aubrey Fowler, Jeremy Tost, Mark Smith, Ben Wescoatt, Tod Leavitt, Gayle Taylor, Lai Orenduff

Members Absent: Jane Kinney

Guests: Dr. Deborah Briihl, Dr. Michael Black

Continued discussion on the General Education Program

Area E:

*Students will demonstrate knowledge of diversity in individual and social behavior, the structure and processes of the United States government, and the importance of historical changes over time.*

Area E is comprised of courses from the following departments.

- African American Studies
- Economics
- History
- Physics, Astronomy, and Geosciences
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justices

Observations:

- ECON 1500 is a required course for the Office Administration and Technology major.
- PSYC 1101 is offered as an online course.
- HIST 2111or 2112 fulfills one state requirement.
- POLS 1101 fulfills a state requirement.
- A good percentage of full-time faculty teach Area E Core courses.
- Participate in FLCs and cohort groups. (Stress relationship between Core course and other disciplines).
- AFAM/WGST cross-listing promotes healthy enrollment and increases diversity across areas.

Trends:

- Social values and civic-minded engagement have become more important.
- Environment more important
- Mediation: make connections
- Retention and success
- We live in a different culture, one of accountability and regular assessments.

Issues:

1. Questions of quality
  - a. Sections offered
  - b. Size of sections
  - c. Faculty status
  - d. Times offered
  - e. Different appropriate disciplinary agencies (NCTE for English), (ACS for chemistry)
2. Productivity
  - a. Demand/availability
  - b. Service courses
  - c. Enrollment: average class sizes
  - d. Withdrawal rates
  - e. Online offerings
  - f. Advising: problems with checklists
  - g. Re-evaluate Required /elective courses
  - h. 64% of student enrollment in SOCI, ANTH, CRJU AND PSYCH
  - i. Cohort groups
3. Relevant data
4. Mapping- co-ordination
5. Assessment measures
  - a. Pre-post tests
  - b. Oral exams
  - c. Nationally-based
  - d. Quizzes
  - e. Research papers

- f. Expository papers
- g. Oral presentations
- h. Portfolios
- i. Creative projects