**General Education Council**

**Purpose**

The General Education Council is a standing committee of the College whose purpose is to supervise and maintain the General Education program at Florida SouthWestern State College.

**Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the General Education Council to:

* Create a high-quality General Education program for students at the College that reflects the values and mission established by the faculty at Florida SouthWestern State College, meets the standards of the State of Florida, and aligns with the criteria set forth by the College’s governing accreditation body.
* Develop a plan for implementing and monitoring the integrity of the General Education program.
* Continuously evaluate the effectiveness of the General Education program.
* Establish a collegial process that encourages and maximizes participation by faculty in the development and delivery of courses to support the mission of the General Education program.

**Membership**

Faculty members will be appointed for staggered three-year terms with approximately one-third retiring each year. Members may serve two consecutive terms, after which they must retire from the council for a minimum of one full year prior to seeking reappointment.

***Voting members include****:*

* *Faculty Representatives from*:
* English
* Speech and Foreign Languages
* Humanities and Fine Arts
* Library Sciences
* Mathematics
* Natural Sciences
* Social Sciences
* School of Business and Technology
* School of Education
* School of Health Professions
* *The Chair or a designee from:*
* Curriculum Committee
* Learning Assessment Committee
* Professional Development Committee

[Overlap in areas of faculty representation is permissible.]

***Non-Voting Members***

* Associate Vice-President, Academic Affairs

The Chair of the General Education Council shall be elected from among the voting members at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring semester in even-numbered years. The Chair is a voting member and may serve three consecutive, two-year terms.

**Meetings**

The General Education Council will hold regularly scheduled monthly meetings during the Fall and Spring semesters.