

# General Education Advisory Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://fsw.zoom.us/j/98039521434>

Present: Dr. Rebecca Harris (Chair), Dr. Eileen DeLuca (Guest), Dr. Kelly Roy (Vice Chair), Dr. Monica Krupinski, Prof. George Menacheril, Prof. Randy Moffett, Prof. Dani Peterson, Prof. Katie Paschall, Prof. William Van Glabek, Prof. Don Ransford, Dr. Deborah Teed (Ex-Officio), Mr. Andrae Jones (Ex-Officio), Prof. Tim Bishop, Dr. Martin McClinton (Ex-Officio), Prof. Margaret Kruger

1. February Meeting Minutes
  - a. February minutes were sent on 4/12/21 by Prof. Kelly Roy.
  - b. Minutes approved.
2. GEAC Chair- 2021-22
  - a. Dr. DeLuca announces that Dr. Harris has accepted the position of Director, Quality Enhancement Plan beginning 7/1/21. She will be leaving the bargaining unit.
  - b. Prof. Don Ransford will take over as Interim Chair of the Curriculum Committee for the next academic year. We thank him for his continued service!
3. Flex Model for Gen Ed: Discussion
  - a. Dr. Harris shared three potential flex models for the 36 hours in the general education program: 1) “The One True Radical”, where all distribution requirements are reduced to the state core, and all other hours are flexible; 2) “The Middle Way”, where each general education distribution area is even, at 6 hours, and all other hours are flexible; and 3) “The Burkean Approach”, where the distribution area of Social Sciences is reduced from 9 to 6 hours.
  - b. Pros and cons for all three models are discussed.
  - c. The committee votes to move forward with “The Middle Way.” All members of the committee voted in favor of this option, with no abstentions.
  - d. Andrae Jones will make some versions of the student pathways that show what different general education coursework might look like in a variety of pathways/metamajors.
4. Approval of Curriculum Documents for 2021-22
  - a. Curriculum documents for 2021-22 that define “General Education,” “International/Diversity”, and “Writing Intensive” were approved and adopted by GEAC.
  - b. Documents will be sent to the chair of the college’s Curriculum Committee.
  - c. The GEAC will be involved in the curriculum process for all courses seeking one of these designations.
5. Updates (as required)
  - a. OBOC
    - i. Prof. Ransford updated the committee regarding progress for next year’s OBOC selection, David Attenborough’s *A Life on Our Planet*.
  - b. QEP

- i. Dr. Harris updates the committee on the status of the QEP. The SACSCOC off-site visit is scheduled for June. The committee has a draft of the narrative to review with our SACSCOC liaison. Dr. Angus Cameron has been named Lead Faculty and Advisory Board Chair for the QEP.
  - c. Curriculum/Assessment/PD
    - i. Prof. Ransford and Dr. Harris discuss the curriculum process that will now involve GEAC beginning in 2021-22. Any proposals coming forward for new general education courses, writing intensive courses, or international/diversity courses will be routed to GEAC for review and advice.
    - ii. The Curriculog system will facilitate our access to the course proposals. The Chair or Vice Chair of GEAC, or the Curriculum Committee representative, will be the point person for Curriculog.
- 6. Additional New Business
  - a. Next year's committee roster/goals were discussed, including marketing for general education and the value of gen ed, and "enhancements" for the AA degree, akin to minors.
- 7. Meeting adjourned.