General Education Committee 
Meeting Minutes 

Date: November 7, 2014

Committee Members Present: Kirsten Underwood, Lynda Robinson, Edris Montalvo, Yingqin Liu, Yanjun Zhao, Sarah Janda, Syed Ahmed, Karla Oty, Abdul Sukar, Mandy Husak, Marge Kingsley, Jenel Cavazos, E. Ann Nalley, Mandi Smith, and Loree Gaines

Meeting was called to order at 12:32 PM.

1. Minutes from September 26, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

2. Dr. McGuire, Chair, Department of Physical Sciences came to present potential changes for the prerequisites for PHYS 1115 to MATH 1613, MATH 1715, or MATH 2215. This change would add MATH 2215, Calculus and Analytical Geometry, to the required prerequisites. The General Education Committee (GEC) approved the prerequisite changes presented by Dr. McGuire.

3. Dr. Oty provided the GEC with the 2014 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) data. Even though this is an indirect measure it does permit us to compare our Freshmen and Seniors to comparable institutions. The other institutions we are compared to are those in the OSHRE Lone Star conference, Carnegie-Barrons, and all institutions using the NSSE. Dr. Oty suggested we think about why our trends show our Freshmen to have a higher rating than our Seniors. This will enable us to develop Action Plans to improve student perceptions over the next three (3) years.

4. Dr. Underwood made suggestions on developing questions for Capstone courses. She proposed that we write questions on topics not covered by NSSE. She asked us to consider whether we would like to have a few questions that have multiple parts like the NSSE or to have more questions that were not as inclusive. She asked us to consider how we want to ask the questions and how we wanted the questions to be administered (in class versus outside class on campus).

5. We looked at a spreadsheet which showed which courses have not collected General Education Data, or have been offered, for the last five years. This was just an information only topic for now.

6. VPAA Vanderslice has given the GEC $2,000 of grant money to improve the General Education assessment process. The GEC needs to spend this money by June 30, 2015. It was suggested the money be used for either Validity or Inter-rater reliability. Both the Education Department and the Psychology department have worked on validity and Dr. Underwood will contact both departments and report back to the GEC.

7. Next meeting will be December 5, 2014, at 12:30 PM in CETES.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 1:38 PM.