**General Education Committee
Meeting Agenda
September 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
Zoom**

**Members present:** David Harding,Katherine Baker,Gauri Guha, Bert Greenwalt, Ferebee Tunno, Kellie Buford, Robert Schichler, Karen Yanowitz, Sarah Davidson, Zahid Hossain, Bethany Gallimore, Rebecca Oliver, Martin Huss, Lillie Fears  **Ex-officio, non-voting members present:** Summer DeProw, Karen Wheeler, LTC Joe Loar  **Staff support:** Madeline Prestidge, Mary Elizabeth Spence
**Guest:** Alan Utter

Harding called the meeting to order.

1. Dr. Alan Utter
* Utter shared updates from Academic Affairs in regards to general education:
-Thanked everyone for highlighting the three main areas of general education and working on the “branding” of the program.
-The benefit of establishing high-impact practices is an integral part to general education. Would like to see every program have high-impact practices where possible.
-Update both the goals in the learning outcomes of our general education program.
* Utter did not want to move forward with significant action until the strategic plan is finalized.
* Within the next few weeks, Utter will be charging a taskforce on general education; the main goal of the taskforce is to review, from ground zero, our general education program.
-The taskforce will look at goals, investigate other general education models at institutions similar in size to A-State, look at our general education goals, do they align with our objective, and ultimately let Dr. Utter know what we should do with our gen education program.
-Recommendations that would be vetted through our shared governance process.
-There will be no deadline to this process, but is hoping to have a preliminary report by December.
* Oliver expressed the wish to provide an expansion of general education offerings so that we may better serve our students.
* Harding asked how the membership of the taskforce will go in regards to a relationship with the GEC; Utter would like to see the taskforce collaborating once or twice a month with the GEC.
* Harding asked what resources will be available to the taskforce. Utter said he will provide whatever resources that are necessary.
1. GEC Membership
* Introductions
* Oliver motioned for Harding to serve a second year as chair of the committee.
* 2nd: Huss
* All are in favor.
1. Meeting minutes from December 4, 2019
* Motion: Yanowitz
* 2nd: Davidson
* The meeting minutes were approved.
1. AAC Representative Volunteer
* The representative would meet once a month for approximately an hour starting in October
* Emphasis on graduate programs and the surveys we sent to them, alumni surveys, and others that arise.
* Fears volunteered to be the representative.
1. General Education Assessment Subcommittee Reports and Timeline
* All of the assessment reports came in on time and have been reviewed.
* Spence shared the General Education Committee timelines and due dates for 2020/2021.
* Deadlines were extended by a semester due to the Spring 2020 emergency.

Harding motions to adjourn.