**Gen Ed Committee Meeting**

**September 13, 2011**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Kathy Brittain White Conference Room - DCED**

Present: Sue McLarry (NHP); Bill Humphrey (AG); Josie Welsh Assessment); Dan Marburger (BUS); Myleea Hill (COM); Lance Bryant (ED); Rick Clifft (Engineering); Rebecca Oliver (Honors); Jerry Ball (HSS); David Levenbach (HSS); Phyllis Pobst (HSS); Jeff Jenness (SCOM); Tanja McKay (SCOM); Chris Collins (Secretary – AAR)

Absent: Lynita Cooksey (AVCAA); Temma Balducci (FA); Timothy Norman (Military Science); Lee Clark (Military Science); Jill Simons (University College)

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Dr. McLarry, Chair of Gen Ed Committee.

Information from a meeting at ADHE attended by Dr. Cooksey and Provost Jones

* regarding the 120 hours minimum - every degree plan changing in any way must be to the Department of Higher Ed by mid-February 2012.
* The AR Department of Higher Ed will not be considering waivers unless you can show without a doubt that additional hours are required in an accredited program. Additionally, it was implied a waiver for extra hours will not be considered unless the 35 credit hour state minimum general education core is being used.
* Cynthia Moten – listed number of degrees, variations and how they need to meet the 120 hours.

Minutes from August 30, 2011 were tabled until next meeting and will be approved along with the 9/6/11 minutes at the next meeting.

Dr. McLarry indicated that she has received degree plans with the reduction of the Gen Ed courses to 35 hours from Agriculture, Engineering, Fine Arts and Humanities & Social Sciences.

Tanja McKay indicated that the College of Sciences & Mathematics felt that the faculty should have input, therefore; Deans, Chairs, College Curriculum Chair, Dr. Gilmore and she agree to talk one on one with faculty. They do not feel that the Gen Ed Committee should make the decision on reduction of Gen Ed courses, they want faculty responses. She indicated that they would like to keep the Gen Ed goals, especially PE.

PE – Chairs have been out all week (Psychology and HPESS) – 132 to 120; 35 Gen Ed hours; keep Health & Wellness component

A single Gen Ed Curriculum is required. Some degrees may choose to have elective course options.

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**State Gen Ed Core**

**Hours Core Courses**

6 Communication Comp I & II

0-3 Oral Communication

 College Algebra or a higher level

math course for which College

3 Math Algebra is a pre-requisite.

8 Sciences Course must include lab.

6-9 Fine Arts & Humanities

3 U.S. History or U.S. Govt. U.S. History or U.S. Government

6-9 Social Sciences

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Recommendations for the General Education Curriculum follow:

**Humanities & Social Sciences – Dr. Pobst**

 Discussion about physical science people

 Eight hours of Laboratory Science

 Measurement is taught in physical science

Josie commented that HLC focuses on goals as a starting point for curriculum revisions.

**Engineering – Dr. Clifft**

Will not restrict sciences (8)

Humanities (3)

Fine Arts (3)

Global Issues – move to Humanities (0)

Social Sciences

 U.S. History (3)

 Social Science (6) (Engineering to substitute Math)

Comp I & II and Oral Communication (9)

Math (3)

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**Agriculture – Bill Humphrey**

Oral Communication (6)

Math (3-4)

Science (1 Biology and 1 Physical) (8)

Fine Arts (6) (Logical and Practical Reasoning under

HSS)

History and Government (3)

Social Sciences (9) (Move Global & Understanding to Social

Sciences)

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**College of Business – Dan Marburger**

Meeting in a week to discuss a college philosophy

**Sciences & Mathematics – Tanja McKay**

Will also have recommendation

9 hours Social Sciences and one is dictated by the State

**Communications – Myleea Hill**

Recommendation by 9/27/11

**Fine Arts – Temma Balducci**

Going to 35 hours was agreeable to them and even keeping with the goals

**Nursing & Health Profession – Sue McLarry**

Open 35 hours as in ADHE website for State core

Colleges can make choice in how to divide those hours

No objection to keeping goals

Critical Thinking in goals

Charge for Committee members: Go back to colleges and discuss Gen Ed Goals.

Do we want to say that we can meet goals at a beginning level – basis for Critical Thinking.

How do you feel about dropping some of these goals?

 Do we want to keep all eight goals and be prescriptive in the 35 hours?

Jeff Jenness will put a spreadsheet together of college recommendations

There will not be a Gen Ed meeting next week – 9/20/11 but there will be one on Tuesday, 9/27/11.

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Dr. Jones received the General Education committee recommendation but due to a death in the family he hasn’t had time to review it yet.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

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