

**MINUTES**  
**General Education Council**  
**Tuesday, January 17, 2011**  
**2 p.m.**  
**Nevins Hall 1060C**

**Members in Attendance: Byron Brown, John Gaston, Brian Gerber, Sheri Gravett, Jane Kinney, James LaPlant, Kent Moore**

**Updates**

1. Minutes from November 29, 2011 meeting posted at <http://www.valdosta.edu/gec/GECMinutes.shtml>
2. Core Assessment Results from Spring 2009-Spring 2011 available from SRA: The spreadsheet provided by SRA contains the results from the pilot project. Julie Bailey in Academic Affairs is in the midst of updating those results and adding “possible class or curricular changes to be discussed” and “suggested revisions to assessment” to the document.
3. Core Matters: Still collecting names to reconstitute the Core Matters Conference Steering Committee. Members are asked to check the current list and assist in helping complete the roster.
4. FACULTY FAQs : The GEC will share the revised FAQs with the Deans Council before posting.

**Discussion**

1. Core Assessment Plans Evaluation and Approval: All currently submitted plans are posted in BlazeVIEW under “Institution: General Education Council. “ Department Heads Council members received the feedback memo on December 12. Forty-four department heads and faculty are now enrolled in this section so that they can view the submitted materials. GEC members agreed to continue to work with departments in their areas to make sure their departments complete their submissions. They also discussed the need to develop a clear schedule for assessment preparation and administration. In addition, they talked about ways to continue to stress the importance of faculty participation in core assessment: through recognizing the connection between assessment and the improvement of teaching (perhaps by asking for faculty feedback on their yearly Faculty Activity Report) and by encouraging assessment as a departmental priority (perhaps through developing a yearly award/recognition of some kind and by including core assessment in the yearly reporting process to college and University assessment committees).
2. For the next meeting, members agreed to think about what activities could be developed for next fall’s Core Curriculum meeting.

**Upcoming Meetings**

1. Spring Dates for GEC: third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. in Nevins 1060C  
January 17  
February 21  
March 20  
April 17