

## Gen Ed Council Meeting

October 26, 2009

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Members present: Sheri Gravett (chair), James LaPlant, John Gaston, Byron Brown, Jane Kinney (Ex Officio), Kent Moore, Anita Hufft

1. **September Minutes:** Minutes from the September 28 meeting were approved with one small correction.
2. **Current Plans for “Making Core Matter Conference”:**  
Formation of Steering Committee:  
COA: Brad Finson, Steve Lahr  
COBA: Ellen Stevens  
COE: 1 representative (PSYC) – S.Gravett will contact B.Gerber  
COAS: Pat Bezona, Christine James, Jason Kassel, Teresa Doscher  
ENGL: Roy Pace, Gardner Rogers, Jeannie Lugo – S.Gravett will contact R.Pace about setting up an initial information sharing session.
3. **Plans for New Core Curriculum Requirements:** The Council discussed the Key Rule Changes listed on the agenda. S. Gravett provided an attachment that shows how the last core program review was set up. The Council decided to create a Core Revision Steering Committee with representation from all core areas. This subcommittee will primarily discuss the following issues:
  - a. Course evaluations that ensure that they’re covering the key rule changes;
  - b. Review and assess the data from the previous Gen Ed Pilot Projects;
  - c. Translate what the U.S. and Global Perspectives are, as well as Critical Thinking;
  - d. Ensure that the instructors teaching US and Global Perspectives and Critical Thinking are noting this in their syllabi and able to prove that it’s being taught;
  - e. Provide goals by the end of spring 2010.

This week S.Gravett will draft the memo for recommendations for the implementation of the new core curriculum policy. Once the Council reviews it and provides suggestions, she’ll send it to Dr. Levy.
4. **Next Workshop for Phase Three Teams:** Thursday, November 5, at 3 p.m. in Odum Library 1480. This workshop will focus on steps three and four.
5. **Faculty Volunteer Recognition:** A.Hufft requested suggestions for recognizing the pilot project volunteers. S.Gravett offered to speak with Dr. Levy about letters of commendation.
6. **Next meeting:** This meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The next GEC meeting is November 30 at 8:30 in Odum Library 4260.