

# General Education Council

January 7, 2009

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Present: Byron Brown, John Gaston, Sheri Gravett, Jane Kinney, James LaPlant, Kent Moore

Absent: Kristina Cragg, Brian Gerber, Anita Hufft

1. The VSU General Education webpage has been updated. Please review and provide feedback if necessary.  
[www.valdosta.edu/academic/GeneralEducation.shtml](http://www.valdosta.edu/academic/GeneralEducation.shtml)
2. To provide a history of General Education assessment at VSU, council members were asked to confer with their respective departments and collect any documentation and data from prior general education assessments. Please send any copies of this data to Sheri Gravett..
3. Sheri Gravett updated the council on the progress of the Faculty Teams leading the Spring 2009 Pilot Project. Everything is in place for the project to move forward. Dr. Gravett will find out when the Faculty Teams will be administering the assessments so GEC meetings can be scheduled to review the data.
4. James LaPlant presented the report from his subcommittee with suggestions of potential courses to use in Phase Two of the GEC project. After much discussion, the council suggested recruiting faculty for the following courses:

Outcome 1:

POLS 1101 American Government (Area E)

Outcome 2:

MUSC 1100 Music Appreciation (Area C)

SPAN 1001 Beg Sp Language/ Intr to Sp Culture (Area C, Area F)

Outcome 6:

ART 1100 Intro to Visual Arts or THEA 1100 (Area C)

Outcome 8:

REL 2020 World Religions (Area C)

5. Byron Brown presented the work on his subcommittee on training materials for faculty teams.. The council discussed if this entire document should be handed out to the faculty teams before they start working on the project, or pieces should be

distributed it a bit at a time so as not to overwhelm the teams. The council decided it might be better to break the document into steps.

The council further discussed creating worksheets from the document to use as guides. The worksheets would set up steps that the teams need to make and set up due dates for each step to be completed by. Examples of the completed steps could be put on the website. Workshops would be set up by the GEC for guidance throughout the semester.

Worksheets would also provide documentation of the assessment process that could be stored and used for the SACS report.

6. James LaPlant and John Gaston will begin recruiting faculty members for the Phase Two project. Once enough faculty have accepted (about three people on each team, minimum of three sections of each chosen course), Sheri Gravett will send out formal invitations.
7. The Council Members will email basic schedules to the Accreditation Office for scheduling future meetings. The next one will tentatively be during the week of January 26. Once the date and time are confirmed, an email will go out to all Council Members.
8. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.