

GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Minutes
June 25, 2013

In Attendance: Michael Black, Byron Brown, Brian Gerber, Sheri Gravett, Kent Moore, Mark Smith

1. Members approved the minutes from May 21, 2013 meeting
2. Members reviewed the updated assessment schedules (by department, term, and area)
3. Michael Black discussed his exploration of the possible use of LiveText as a repository for assessment data. Since VSU already subscribes to LiveText, the adoption of this software would involve no extra cost. It would provide an electronic repository for all assessment data, including Institutional Effectiveness Reports (IERS), Institutional Effective Plans (IEPs), Comprehensive Program Review (CPR), and General Education Assessment. Members agreed to move forward with the use of LiveText. Further information will need to be shared with the Deans and Department Heads as soon as the system is set up. We will also need to explore further to see if LiveText can be integrated into the data warehouse.
4. Core Curriculum Meeting Tentative Agenda: Drafted at a meeting on June 10, 2013 with Kathe Lowney Donna Sewell, and Chere Peguesse. Members discussed the draft agenda and planned to move forward with it for the August 6, 2013 Core Curriculum Meeting. The GEC will invite Kathe, Donna, and Chere to our next scheduled meeting to finalize the plans. Members also touched upon the need for more intensive discussion of the future of the core curriculum; one suggestion may be to use the time and space already reserved for the Core Matters Conference on November 7-8.
5. Discussion of Reconfiguration of GEC: Since its inception in 2008, the General Education Council has largely worked to ensure the implementation of a regular assessment schedule. As this schedule has become more regularized, members would like for the GEC to focus on other parts of its mission (as articulated at <http://ww2.valdosta.edu/gec/>). This year, members of the GEC will discuss some alternative structures and projects for the GEC, perhaps by reconfiguring with some permanent administrative members and then recruiting additional members for different short-term, task-centered projects. Discussions will continue in the fall.

Next Meeting: July 23 at 2 p.m. in Nevins 1060C