

**General Education Council  
Minutes  
November 1, 2016**

Members Present: Jane Kinney, Tod Leavitt, Byron Brown, Gayle Taylor, Lai Orenduff

Members Absent: Aubrey Fowler, Mark Smith, Jeremy Tost

Guest: Michael Black

I. General Education Committee Purpose:

<b>GEC Purpose</b>	<b>Accomplishments 2014-present</b>
Overseeing and maintaining the integrity of VSU's core curriculum;	
Promoting the importance and quality of core curriculum courses in VSU's colleges and departments;	
Providing guidelines, assistance, and review to departments proposing new courses in the core curriculum;	
Establishing and reviewing policies related to the transfer of core curriculum courses;	In progress with KSPE and COMM and BUSA
Collecting, examining, and reporting on current assessment data on the core curriculum, in particular looking at how well student learning outcomes for the core curriculum are currently being met; and	In place but needs more collaboration with departments
Developing and implementing an assessment plan specific to the core curriculum.	

II. Other initiatives

- Improve student retention
  - Smart Path
  - Career Center
  - Advising

- Identify at-risk students through data, especially in the 1st year to help retention rates
    - Work closer with Freshman Welcome Week.
  - AREA B:  
Area B appears to lack the level of organization, consistency, & rigor that other areas have. The lack of consistency, in particular, makes meaningful assessment difficult.
- III. New Charge: In anticipation of the upcoming SACS/COC Accreditation Report, we will assist the Office of Institutional Effectiveness with the collection, examination, and reporting of current assessment data on the core curriculum. In particular we will look at how well student learning outcomes for the core curriculum are currently being met.