

University General Education Council
September 11, 2019, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Adams Center Classroom

Present: K. Witemeyer, J. Smith, C. Flanagan, M. Ice, D. Flanagan, A. Pittman, B. Rix, D. Kneip, L. McCurley, K. Wick, K. Jang, R. Green, J. Prather

Absent: M. Rogers, M. Straughn

Ex-officios: B. Carroll, C. Riley (E. Gumm and S. McDowell were absent)

Guests: Dana Pemberton

The meeting began at 3:32 p.m.

I. Call to order by J. Smith.

II. Prayer by J. Smith.

III. Minutes from 4/24/19

Motion to approve minutes by K. Wick; seconded by D. Kneip; all in favor; motion passes.

There were no curricular items on the agenda for this meeting.

Council member introductions were made, the charge to the council from the Faculty Handbook was reviewed, and resources pertaining to our University Requirements were outlined. J. Smith recommended that one goal for the coming year is to improve the way the council reviews current General Education curriculum pertaining to student outcomes.

In addition, there was discussion regarding council work that UGEC will be undertaking during the upcoming academic year. Such items included:

1. Course Reviews - Adding courses to menus based on the way they fit our criteria.
2. General Education Outcomes Assessment - Looking for ways to improve and clarify the assessment process across the larger menus.
3. Student Learning Outcomes - Our outcomes are noble but too broad for easy measurement. Maybe there are better ways to measure specifics. We have started a group that is looking at our outcomes and benchmarking them against other institutions. They will also consider what makes ACU unique and how our vision fits with our learning outcomes. Our committee will look at these recommendations.

Our next SACs accreditation comes in three years and we know general education assessment is an area in need of improvement. We met with a consultant over the summer, and she recommended that we begin looking at assessment now so that we are in better shape by the time our SACs visit occurs.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.