

TCC General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, October 12, 2018

Time: 12:30pm

Location: Chesapeake Campus, New Academic Building, Room 4318

In attendance:

Duffy, Debra (SR); Ferguson, Jennifer (AA); Fitzgerald, Heather (Librarians); Goudy, Rhonda (Counseling); Kiracofe, David (IL); Tedrow, Lara (PD); Thiele, Douglas (WC); Wilson, Emily (CT)

Absent: Bryant, Sandra (OC); Fairchild, Joseph (Dean); Leo, Amanda (IC); Ryan, Diane (Dean); Scheidt, Calvin (Adjuncts);

Guests in attendance:

Aasen, Curt (VP for Information Systems and Institutional Effectiveness); Bovee, Kim (Director of Planning, Institutional Effectiveness)

Meeting Summary:

- The General Education Committee (GEC) met on October 12th and quorum was established.
- Those in attendance discussed Committee charges for 2018-2019, proposed language for the GEC's governance website, and the VCCS's General Education Policy & Resource Guide.
- Membership vacancies have been submitted to PAPC.

I. Call to order

- David Kiracofe called the meeting to order at 12:39pm.
- Quorum was established.

II. Guest speakers

- Kim Bovee and Curt Aasen provided a presentation about performance-based funding metrics for FY 2019.
- Each of the 23 VCCS colleges can earn points, which ultimately determine funding levels.
- Metrics of performance-based funding will be gathered regarding entry, retention and progression, and completion.

III. Minutes

- The May minutes were approved with no dissenting votes or abstentions.
- There was no September meeting as the College was closed due to inclement weather.

IV. Reports

A. SCHEV Conference

- Sandra Bryant, Jennifer Ferguson, David Kiracofe and Diane Ryan attended the Day of Dialogue on June 1st at William and Mary.
- The Instruction Committee sent out an email to all faculty soliciting feedback on the General Education Policy draft.

B. Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee (CFAC)

- Heather Fitzgerald shared highlights from the April CFAC meeting minutes.
- New legislation directed SCHEV and the VCCS to develop a 15-hour passport of courses guaranteed to transfer for lower division general education course work. A 30-hour general education certificate includes this passport. A committee has been working on the standardization of courses and preliminary report was due on September 1st.
- New legislation required the development of 4-year pathway maps.

V. Open Business

A. General Education Course Vetting

- David Kiracofe mentioned that the next courses to be vetted will be social sciences.

VI. New Business

A. Charges for 2018-2019

- David Kiracofe led a discussion on the proposed charges for the GEC for 2018-2019.
- The below charges were submitted to the PAPC in May:
 - Review and recommend any revisions to policies, procedures, plans, or other relevant documents that are germane to the purpose of the General Education Committee; assist in drafting new policy and procedures, if needed.
 - Develop a (vision) statement concerning general education as applied to the Guided Pathways.
 - Review content in Pathways within Implementation Phase I for alignment with general education competencies.
- Academic Affairs responded with revisions to the above proposed charges.
- The final version of the charges will be shared with the GEC.

B. Membership

- David Kiracofe has notified PAPC of the vacancy for a Quantitative Reasoning representative for the GEC.

C. GEC Language for Governance Website

- David Kiracofe and Doug Thiele drafted a statement on general education at Tidewater Community College.
 - The GEC drafted statement was as follows:

A general education at Tidewater Community College aims to provide a solid, fundamental base of intellectual content and skills that equips students to explore ideas, assess evidence critically, draw reasoned conclusions, and communicate in a clear, intelligible way as required of members of an academic community and the heart of the mission of a community college. Such capabilities are imperative in a world in which knowledge and careers are always changing, and which grows more globally connected every day. A comprehensive general education emphasizes not only thoroughness and depth, but also sufficient breadth to expose students to a wide range of subjects and to the different approaches to studying them.
- Committee members discussed whether the proposed statement should include mention of Guided Pathways or if this statement should be more general and simply reflect the General Education Policy draft.

D. SCHEV Core Competencies

- The VCCS General Education Policy & Resource Guide draft was released on August 30th and is anticipated to be accepted as written except for a few minor tweaks.

VII. Next Meeting(s)

- The next meeting will be on Friday, November 9th from 12:30-2pm, Chesapeake Campus, New Academic Building, Room 4318.
- Future meetings: December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, and May 10.

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.

Submitted by
Heather Fitzgerald