

## General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 21, 2014

**In Attendance:** Nancy McCormick, Jazmin Mercer, Keri Neely, Sheila Otto, Andrew Owusu, Deana Raffo, Georganne Ross, Steve Bartos, Blake Taylor, Douglas Timmons, John Zamora, Todd O'Neill, Skip Kendrick, Will Carter, Laura Dubek, Karen Petersen

### Notes:

1. MTSU sent several proposed Gen Ed changes to the TBR, and all were approved. The following changes will be effective in fall 2014:

RS 2030 (Religion and Society) added to Gen Ed Program (Social/Behavioral Sciences area)

ART 1910 removed from General Education

Course title of ART 1030 changed to Art Appreciation

Course title of ART 1920 changed to Survey of Western Art I

2. Sheila Otto reported that the new TBR vice chancellor, Tristan Denley, met with the TBR Gen Ed Advisory Committee. He is very interested in General Education and in how schools are assessing learning in Gen Ed. MTSU's Gen Ed course review process is very important because it requires periodic review and assessment of student learning. System wide in the TBR, thirty Gen Ed courses account for half of student enrollment, so General Education seems to be the place where we can have a real impact on student learning. We must be able to measure student learning in Gen Ed and provide detailed information to faculty.
3. The two Gen Ed Subcommittees (Assessment and Policies & Procedures) then met separately to discuss upcoming subcommittee meetings.

The Assessment Subcommittee will be reviewing Gen Ed course assessment reports. The members of the subcommittee decided that each committee member would read all eight of the assessment reports, but each person would be assigned two specific reports and asked to write more extensive comments for those two. Kari Neely shared samples of feedback from previous subcommittee discussions. The Assessment Subcommittee will meet on April 11 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the reports.

The Policies and Procedures Subcommittee discussed the process of selecting the recipient of the 2013-2014 Award for Outstanding Teaching in General Education. The Committee decided that each member would rank the six nominees based on these criteria: 1. Innovative Teaching showing efforts above and beyond basic teaching duties. 2. Incorporation of the General Education Learning Outcomes. 3. Excellence in Student Evaluations. 4. Outstanding letters of support, chairman's recommendation, and peer evaluations. The P&P Subcommittee will meet on April 2 at 2:30 to select the winner.

### Addendum:

**March 4, 2014:** The Gen Ed Committee voted by email to approve the following requests:

PS 1005 American Government and Politics: Change the title of this course to **Introduction to American Politics**.

PS 1010 Foundations of Government: Change the title of this course to **Introduction to Global Politics**.

Justification: These titles are more descriptive of the course content. The content of the courses will remain the same.

These title changes will be submitted to the TBR for approval.