

## General Education Committee Minutes

26 April 2013

2:30-4:30

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- I. Skip Kendrick called the meeting to order and welcomed guests from the Department of Philosophy.
- II. Members approved the minutes from the March 4, 2013, meeting with one correction: Terri Tharp was present at the March meeting but listed as absent in the minutes.
- III. Members discussed the proposal and accompanying syllabus for a new course put forth by the Department of Philosophy for inclusion in the Social and Behavioral Sciences category: RS 2030, Religion and Society. The proposal was praised for its thoroughness, clarity, and relevance. The proposal was approved: 9 (in favor) and 1 (abstain).
- IV. Kari Neely reported on the meeting of the Assessment Subcommittee. All departments under review were asked to revise and resubmit their course assessments according to detailed feedback given by the sub-committee. Sheila Otto stressed that we are still in pilot mode with regards to assessment of general education courses. The Committee approved the Sub-Committee's report.
- V. No members of the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee attended the scheduled meeting earlier in the month to select the recipient of the first General Education Teaching award so that subcommittee was scheduled to meet directly after this meeting.
- VI. Concerns were raised about MOOCS, Western Governor's University, and their impact on general education at MTSU. Dean Byrnes called for effective strategizing with regard to these changes in higher education.
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.