

General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday September 27, 2013

Time: Began 2:00 pm Adjourned 3:10pm

In Attendance: Stephen Bartos, Aimee Holt, Skip Kendrick, Jan Leone, Sheila Otto, Andrew Owusu, Bruce Petryshak, Deanna Raffo, Georganne Ross, Blake Taylor, Douglas Timmons, Charlene True, Greg VanPatten, John Zamora

Notes:

- Sheila Otto, Director of General Education at MTSU, welcomed the committee members. Because Kari Neely, Chair, was out due to illness, Skip Kendrick, Past Chair, was asked to conduct the meeting.
- Sheila Otto provided the committee members with their charge.
- The Minutes from 04/26/2013 were approved.
- Andrew Owusu was elected Vice-Chair of the committee. Aimee Holt was elected secretary.
- The following three proposals from Art were discussed and approved unanimously:
 - Change the title of ART 1030 to Art Appreciation.
 - Change the title of ART 1920 to Survey of Western Art I.
 - Change the title of ART 1910 to Survey of Non-Western Art and remove the course from the list of general education courses.
- Bruce Petryshak was invited to make a presentation based on the data from examining the number of D's F's W's N's and U's fall 2012. There was a subset of 42 general education classes identified as having a high number of DFWNU grades. The university is exploring the possible reasons for this. Currently, 14 faculty members are redesigning 7 of the 42 general education courses identified. The university is working on a program to offer micro scholarships to students with short-term financial issues. The university is looking to consolidate tutoring services in the library. General Education Committee Members expressed additional concerns that could have impacted the number of DFWNU grades.
- The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2013 at 2:00 in the Library in room 475.