

General Education Committee
November 11, 2014 Minutes

Began 12:30 p.m.
Adjourned 1:25 p.m.

Present: Dr. Courtney Vahlberg, Dr. Janet Perry, Haifing Ji, Brent Noel, Jay Ramanjulu, Dr. Max Simmons, Mary Turner, Catherine Kinyon, Darby Johnsen, Ernest Gobert, Pamela Stout, and Julie Rice-Rollins

Absent: Dr. Glenne' Whisenhunt, Greg Gardner, Anita Williams, and Dr. Kathy Wheat

The committee began by reviewing the minutes from the October meeting. Pamela made a motion to approve the minutes as they were written. Darby seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The first item of business was a discussion about how to encourage faculty to evaluate their course assessments to include some that would measure students' abilities at a higher level of Bloom's taxonomy. Since critical thinking is now an outcome for the General Education assessments, the discussion centered around ways to help faculty include critical thinking activities in their courses. Max suggested taking the FY14 assessment recommendations to the Student Learning Council (SLC) during Prep and Planning week, and also to the faculty association. It would also be presented to Glenne' for her opinion.

Next, Brent spent some time discussing *Theatre of the Oppressed*, and the way that activity stimulates audience members to think at a higher level as they participate in the performance. He explained that this is a way to teach critical thinking kinesthetically and concretely. He further stated that the activity pays homage to Rene' Magritte.

Next, Courtney stated that she had spoken with Ginnett Rollins regarding using modern language artifacts as part of the General Education assessments. It is possible that such artifacts could address writing, speaking, critical thinking, and the new Human Heritage, Culture, and Institutions outcome. She indicated that Ginnett plans to speak with Tonya Kymes about this inclusion.

The meeting closed with Pamela indicating that she would give the committee a starting point for an HHCI rubric by creating a draft by the February meeting.

Courtney made a motion to adjourn. Brent seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.