

March 14, 2013  
General Education Committee Minutes

Meeting Began: 12:35 pm  
Meeting Adjourned: 1:20 pm

Present: Dr. Courtney Vahlberg, Doug Gregory, Catherine Kinyon, Yuthika Kim, Dr. Jennifer Allen, Dr. Kathy Wheat, Dr. Janet Perry, Pam Stout, Jay Ramanjulu, and Mary Turner.

Absent: Greg Gardner, Sherry Ray, Dr. Glenne' Whisenhunt, Charles Myrick, and Dr. Max Simmons.

The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. Pam made a motion to accept the minutes, and Kathy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The next order of business was a discussion of p. 48 in the college catalog. The discussion centered on the four Gen Ed core competencies listed in the catalog and whether these could be adjusted to reflect the way that OCCC now defines and assesses them (through the six outcomes). Courtney began the discussion by suggesting that the committee might try to standardize the format used in the catalog to be consistent with the language used in the general education competencies. Catherine pointed out that the items in the catalog come from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and that she doesn't believe those can be altered even though the college's language is not different.

This led to further discussion about each outcome and the level of Bloom's Taxonomy that the rubric for each general education outcome expected from students. The committee then looked at the subcomponents of each outcome and suggesting different verbs that might better illustrate the level of competence reflected by each. A question was posed about the wording of the subcomponents for the Human Heritage, Culture, Values, and Beliefs outcome and for the Social Institutions outcome. Yuthika suggested that Courtney speak with Dr. Markus Smith, professor of Political Science, and Dr. M'Lou Smith, professor of Sociology, and then Yuthika himself volunteered to talk to them.

Courtney also asked that the committee encourage their colleagues to submit artifacts, as they are really needed in the areas of Social Institutions and Human Heritage, Culture, Values and Beliefs.

There was a brief discussion about whether a session during Prep and Planning Week should be offered to refresh faculty on the levels of Bloom.

Yuthika made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m. Jay seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned.