



General Education Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 13, 2014, 1:00 pm

Carl A. Diekhans Center for Industrial Technology room 201

Members: Tom Reagan (chair), Susanne Bentley, David Freistroffer, Rick Mackey, Lynne Owens, Jan King (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Cindy Hyslop (state meeting), Heidi Johnston (teaching), Staci Warnert (teaching)

1. DISCUSSION. Review upper-division gen ed requirements.

SYNOPSIS: The committee started the process of reviewing upper-division general education. Currently we require 6 credits for BA and BSN for general education. Three credits can come from either INT 339 or INT 349 and three credits from either INT 359 or INT 369. The BAS general ed requirements are all 12 credits. Discussion will continue at the next meeting and may focus on several scenarios:

1. Leave the requirements as is. This will demonstrate support for the general education objectives in a more academically rigorous and unique integrated environment.
2. Remove upper-division gen ed requirements. An argument can be made that general education is best served at the lower-division level to allow more content specific concentration and flexibility of credits at the upper-division level.
3. Retain upper-division gen ed requirements, but allow content specific courses to satisfy the requirements. Although some institutions require upper-division gen ed and some do not, the INT seminars are unique to GBC and may adversely affect transferability. With the expansion of bachelor's degree offerings, upper-division content courses at GBC are more readily available. Also, because of the 120 credit limit for bachelor's degrees, program flexibility is important.
4. Some potential hybrid approach to #1 and #3.