

General Education Council

Minutes

January 24, 2019

Members Present: Mark Smith, Jane Kinney, Tod Leavitt, Ben Wescoatt, Aubrey Fowler, Heather Kelley, Lai Orenduff

Members Absent: Deb Robson

1. Approval of minutes
2. CORE plans and Reports: Email extension- please peruse and email me if you have questions.
3. 1st Year Seminars Update
 - a. The Provost lends his support to this endeavor and thinks we should study options for this type of programming.
 - b. Student Success and Student Services also agree to help us develop something that meets our needs. Perhaps co-curricular classes?
 - c. Deans 'Council: this idea was brought up again for discussion.
 - d. Perspectives Advisory: We discussed this and they think it would be worthwhile to continue to study options.
 - e. Gardner Institute: Shá Wilfred (G2C) will be helping with this project.
 - f. CELT: Jamie Landau will be instrumental in creating workshops to help faculty and staff gain a better understanding of what would be expected of us.
 - g. Exploratory Seminar: March 27th, 2-4pm Cypress Room. The following 3 faculty/administrators have agreed to help us in facilitating this seminar.
 1. Dr. Cynthia Alby, Georgia College and State University, facilitator
 2. Dr. Chris Caplinger, Georgia Southern, facilitator
 3. Dr. David Newton, West Georgia State, facilitator

Questions of interest from the PERS Advisory and Gen Ed Council include:

- A. PERS Advisory
 - Buy-in
 - What were your biggest challenges?
 - Retention data?
 - What do you consider the strengths of your program?
 - Time-line from inception to implementation
 - Why did you decide to do this? Your motivation?
- B. General Education Council
 - Academic Oversight? Who does this? Central control?
 - Did yours start as a QEP?

- Organization
- Faculty syllabi: have seminars? Faculty loading
- Did this help with retention?
- Data?
- Implementation?