

**UNC GREENSBORO
GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Friday, April 12, 2024
1:30 - 3:00 PM • Faculty Center**

Members present: Jessica McCall, Raina Barnett, Cindy Brooks Dollar, Sarah Cervenak, Andrew Hamilton, Izzet Lofca, Jessica Obermeyer, Jodi Pettazzoni, Gary Rosenkrantz, Melody Rood, Jeff Sarbaum, Terry Wicks

Guests: Wade Maki, Chancellor's Fellow for Strategic Planning

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2024

Motion to approve February 23, 2024, meeting minutes (Wicks, Rosenkrantz), minutes approved.

II. Strategic Planning - Wade Maki

▪ **Feedback from Council:**

- What would you keep/change in the existing plan?
- What would you add (new initiative/goal) to the existing plan?

Wade provided an overview of Strategic Planning (goal, process, and timeline).

When looking at a refresh of the current Plan, we should look at are three signature initiatives in the current plan and ask if these are where we are best positioned to compete, to grow, and to retain students:

- Global Connections
- Vibrant Communities
- Health & Wellness

Are there other initiatives that we should consider? The Plan should align with the new funding model and metrics. Changes to consider are:

- How we do things
- Alignment: System plan, ROI, funding, QEP
- Strengths to prioritize.

Council members shared thoughts and concerns. Faculty are encouraged to attend an Online Open Forum on April 22nd or April 23rd.

Wade also shared a status update on QEP integration with MAC Foundations courses. A communication should go out in May; faculty teaching Foundations courses will have two years to build the Health & Wellness module in their class. Training for the first cohort will begin this summer.

III. MAC/GEC Appeals

- 74945 – Request to allow PH 240 to satisfy MAC Health & Wellness competency.
Action: Motion to approve (Cervenak, Obermeyer), motion approved.
- 75067 – Request to allow BIO 166 to satisfy MAC Critical Thinking and Inquiry in the Natural Sciences competency.
Action: Motion to table (Rosenkranz, Wicks), motion approved. BIO 166 does not align with MAC outcomes; suggestion to request a syllabus for BIO 2015, Human Pathophysiology from South University.

IV. MAC Course Proposals

- STA 271 Fundamental Concepts of Statistics (Revised Course). Request MAC Data Analysis and Interpretation in the Natural Sciences competency.
Action: Motion to reject (Rosenkranz, Sarbaum), motion approved with 2 abstentions. MAC courses introduce competencies at an introductory level; STA 271 is not a foundational course.
Council discussed the need for Data Analysis courses outside of the Natural Sciences.

V. IC Update

Jodi shared that the IC is working on items that come from this Council's agenda including getting Foundations completed in the first 30 hours of a student's career, changing course competencies, Data Analysis competency, and seat counts.

Andrew advised that we saw a growth in seat counts for Natural Sciences and Data Analysis and he will share an updated seat count with Council. A Faculty Fellow for General Education is coming soon. Andrew is recommending an advising hold for students not completing a Foundations course in their first 30 hours. The policy language will be available for Council review and approval prior to the April 26 meeting. Once a policy is approved by Council, Andrew will take the language to APRC for review and to be read into Faculty Senate minutes.

VI. Recertification & Assessment update

- April Workshops (online)
 - Critical Thinking: April 11, 12
 - Oral & Written Communication: April 16, 17
 - Global Engagement and Diversity & Equity: April 18, 19

Council Chair shared that the Recertification Process is moving forward. Sub committees will review proposals with two results (1) approved with no revision or (2) revise and resubmit. Resubmissions will be due in September.

The Assessment Coordinator position in the Office of Assessment, Accreditation, and Academic Planning is posted on the HR website.

VII. Council Membership & Chair:

- Election of Chair for the 2024-2025 year
- MAC Competency Representation
- Open seats for the 24-25 year:
 - CAS – 2 seats
 - CVPA – 1 seat
 - SOE – 1 seat
 - HHS – 1 seat
 - NUR – 1 seat

Chair reviewed open Council membership seats. Council discussed membership and representation. Council is currently organized to include representatives from all units, there is great merit in this. With the new MAC program, we have discovered that we do not have representation for each of the competencies. Should we move toward a membership that would represent competencies? Suggestion to think about representation of disciplines and competencies. Council will continue to discuss this.

Council will elect a Chair for the 24-25 term at their next meeting.

VIII. MAY Workshop planning

- May 13-14, 2024

A “Teaching in the First” workshop is scheduled May 13-14th. The workshop will focus on teaching first year students. Council members are asked to share this with their colleagues.

IX. Other Discussion Items