

Responses  
Annual Report for University Standing Committees  
General Education Council

Date: April 8, 2014

Name of Committee: General Education Council

Chair of Committee: Valerie Whittlesey

- I. Is the committee working as intended according to relevant handbook language?

Yes

- II. Identify the Location of Relevant Handbook language?

KSU University handbook section on General Education Council

[http://kennesaw.edu/handbooks/university/section3\\_2.php](http://kennesaw.edu/handbooks/university/section3_2.php)

**General Education Council — assigned to the Faculty Senate and advisory to the University Policies and Curriculum Committee**

- a. Purpose:

The General Education Council serves as an advocate for and facilitator of the general education program on the KSU campus. It is the voice that speaks for the general education program, much as the academic departments speak for their majors. Its goal is to develop and maintain a unified, integrated, and effective general education program. The council is advisory and submits proposals to the UPCC.

- b. Membership:

The council is chaired by the Associate Vice President for Curriculum. General education coordinators are those faculty/administrators who coordinate general education activities in their respective departments and function as liaisons between those departments and the council.

1. TF 20: one general education coordinator from each discipline represented in the core: anthropology (appointed by chair), biology (elected), chemistry (elected), communication (general education coordinator), criminal justice (volunteer), dance (coordinator of dance), economics (appointed), English (director of composition), foreign language (coordinator of French programs), geography (appointed by chair), history (appointed by chair), mathematics (appointed by chair), music (appointed by dean), philosophy (selected), physics (appointed), political science (appointed by chair), psychology (coordinator general psychology), sociology (volunteer), theatre and performance studies (coordinator of theatre), and visual arts (coordinator of visual arts).
2. 1: the coordinator of HPS 1000.
3. 1: a director from the Department of First-Year Programs (either the Director of the First-Year Seminar or the Director for Learning Communities).

4. 1: one representative elected from the Bagwell College of Education.
- III. Identify Location of any Relevant Strategic Plan Goal(s) that Aligns with Committee's Work

[http://www.kennesaw.edu/stp/docs/draft\\_strategic\\_plan\\_2012-17.pdf](http://www.kennesaw.edu/stp/docs/draft_strategic_plan_2012-17.pdf)

KSU 2012-17 Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Promote excellence and innovation in education through teaching, supervising, and mentoring students; research, creative activity and scholarship; and professional service.

Goal 2: Improve the recruitment, retention, progression, and graduation rates (RRPG) in accord with the Complete College Georgia initiative while increasing the quality and breadth of academic and co-curricular programs.

Goal 3: Become more engaged and prominent in the local community, Georgia, the nation, and world.

Goal 4: Enhance the collegiate experience, and foster a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive environment.

- IV. Web Link to Minutes of Committee

<http://www.kennesaw.edu/curriculum/gen-ed-council.html>

- V. Current list of Members of the Committee

<http://www.kennesaw.edu/curriculum/member-listing.html>

The term length of GEC members varies. As noted on page one, some GEC members are appointed by their chair or dean, some are elected, some volunteer, and some serve as part of their faculty position/responsibilities. In early August of each academic year, the GEC Chair emails the KSU department chairs to determine the GEC membership for that year.