

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes for Monday August 21, 2023

PRESENT: Marie Bourgeois Chair (COPH), John Abresch (LIB), Karen Atwood (CAS), Joanna Burchfield (ENG), Madeline Domino (MCOB), Shane Combs (US), Michael Cross (JGHC), Fanni Green (CoTA) Morgan Gresham (CAS), Manisha Joshi (BCS), Jennefer Karnegie (At-Large, COE-St. Petersburg campus), Emily Mann (LIB), Daniel Marlin (MCOB), Jay Michaels (At-Large, CAS-Sarasota/Manatee campus), Jason Nethercut (CAS), Gauri Pradhan (CAS), Patrick Rodriguez (COPH), Cathy Rogers (BCS), Walter Silva Sotillo (ENG), Rick Smith (At-Large, CAS-St. Petersburg campus), Natasha Zurcher (NUR)

ABSENT: Jane Govoni (COE)

GUESTS/EX-OFFICIO: Scott Besley (MCOB), Kyna Betancourt (UGS), Mazi Ferguson (OCEP), Rebecca Gibbons (ODS-SM), Lorene Hall-Jennings (US), Timothy Henkel (CAS), David Hicks (US), Nazek Jawad (US), Jennifer Lister (CBCS), Diane Mellon (CS), Monica Miranda (VP), Robyn Tornay (UEPM)

1. Welcome and Announcements—Council Chair, Vice Chair and new members of the General Education Council:

NOTE: The GEC Chair Marie Bourgeois welcomed members of the General Education Council and provided each new member time to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of May 01, 2023 Minutes: **APPROVED**

3. Informational Items

1. Intellectual & Practical Skills Tier-

NOTE:

Kyna Betancourt, the Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies provided an extensive summary of recommendations, rules and possible constraints to be considered when evaluating any possible changes to the Intellectual & Practical Skills tier for Enhanced General Education Curriculum at USF. Information about Enhanced General Education can be located at the following link: [Enhanced Curriculum | Enhanced General Education Revision | University of South Florida \(usf.edu\)](#) Phase One of implementation included limiting courses in each area where each college was allowed three new slots for courses. An exception was provided to the College of Arts and Sciences which was provided nine course slots. Instructors are only required to submit assessment data for one course. Relevantly, submitting new courses does not necessarily come with additional funding.

Kyna Betancourt noted that the GEC may want to consider making *Creative Thinking* courses more “transfer student friendly” as most denials occur in this category. Additionally, there were fewer Creative Thinking courses certified previously. Only students who possess an Associate of Arts degree from a FL. Public university typically possess Enhanced GEN ED requirements. The Council noted they may consider providing priority to the Information & Data Literacy section to the Intellectual & Practical Skills tier

upon more deliberation.

Concluding, Scott Besley, the former Chair of the GEC sent out emails to the Assistant Deans and Department Chairs about the upcoming recertification schedule which he will share with the council to balance out when proposals are submitted.

NOTE: The Chair of the General Education Council Marie Bourgeois adjourned the GEC meeting at 3:52pm.

General Education Council Meeting Schedule*

Fall 2023

- September 18, 2023
- October 2, 2023
- October 16, 2023
- November 06, 2023
- November 20, 2023
- December 04, 2023