

## Standing Committee Annual Report

**Name of Committee or Council:**

General Education Committee

**Chair:**

Dr. Audrey Bullock and Dr. Kristen Sienkiewicz

**Meeting Dates in Current Year:**

8/10, 9/22, 10/20, 11/17, 12/8, 2/11, 3/16, 4/6

**Major Actions or Accomplishments:**

The committee's main accomplishments this year were in regards to improving and streamlining the new process of assessing our university-wide general education outcomes. The committee appointed or recruited a pillar coordinator for each of the seven pillars assessed in our general education program. We also asked that department chairs name a course lead for every course in the general education core. Having these leadership roles in place was essential to improving communication in regards to general education assessment.

Prior to the start of the Fall 2021 semester, we held a General Education Workshop for department chairs and faculty interested in becoming more involved in the assessment process. In addition, we held a pre-semester calendar meeting to give updates to all faculty about general education at APSU. Fall 2021 was the first semester to collect student work samples from all of our general education courses in three pillars- Quantitative Reasoning, Oral Communication, and Written Communication. All of these artifacts were de-identified and scored by faculty teaching in that pillar according to the rubric for that pillar. Data were summarized and shared with departments and course leads in Spring 2022. We also asked that course leads respond to a survey with possible actions for improvement based on their review of the data summary from their pillar. Based on the data summary and the faculty responses, actions for improvement in the three assessed pillars were recommended by the committee.

The four pillars that were not assessed in Fall 2021, were assessed in Spring 2022. Artifacts from those pillars have been collected, and the sampling and assessment process will occur in Summer 2022. The reporting of this data and actions for improvement will follow a similar process as the three pillars assessed Fall 2021.

In addition to collecting and assessing data, the committee approved updates to the rubrics for the Global Perspectives and Critical Reasoning Pillars.