

## Standing Committee Annual Report

Name of Committee or Council:

General Education

Chair

Dixie Webb

Meeting Dates in Current Year:

October 1, 8, 29, November 19.

Major Actions or Accomplishments:

\* Shared differing roles of Academic Council's *Liberal Arts Sub-Committee* and General Education Standing Committee.

1 October email to Academic Council:

*To clarify the discussion at the Sept. 24 Academic Council meeting relating to the General Education Committee. The General Education Committee and the Liberal Arts Sub-Committee are different committees and serve different purposes as outlined below. The Academic Council has a final vote for the proposals presented by both the General Education Committee and the Liberal Arts Sub-Committee.*

*The General Education Committee is a Standing Committee appointed by the President with the following charge. The committee will have the responsibility for ensuring that critical competencies (written communication, oral communication, math skills, and critical thinking skills) are evaluated as per the Tennessee Board of Regents. The committee will also address development of APSU's student learning outcomes as outlined by BRAVO (Basics, Reasoning, Awareness, Values, and Outcomes). In addition, the committee will review and vote on all changes and additions to university core courses and will advise the Academic Council for their final decision. An annual report will be provided to the provost regarding progress in meeting goals to instill in students the four critical competencies.*

General Education Standing

Committee: <http://www.apsu.edu/governance/committees/geneducation>

*The Liberal Arts Sub-Committee is sub-committee of the Academic Council, consisting of seven of the Academic Council members.*

*This sub-committee reviews core courses or core issues when either the Vice President for Academic Affairs or the Academic Council desires.*

*APSU Policy I:012, Constitution of Academic Council:* <http://www.apsu.edu/files/policy/1012.pdf>

*Constitution:* [http://www.apsu.edu/sites/apsu.edu/files/governance/CONSTITUTION\\_amended\\_and\\_approved\\_Feb\\_2012.pdf](http://www.apsu.edu/sites/apsu.edu/files/governance/CONSTITUTION_amended_and_approved_Feb_2012.pdf)

\* Assisted Associate Provost in revising campus procedure for proposing changes to the APSU General Education core.

\* Discussed assessment of students' critical thinking skills – what does the senior exit exam test and in what ways?

\* Submitted of APSU annual General Education Assessment report to TBR that addresses Written Communication, Oral Communication, Math, and Critical Thinking per TBR assessment tool.