

Standing Committee Annual Report

Name of Committee or Council:

General Education Committee

Chair:

Drs. Audrey Bullock and Kristen Sienkiewicz

Meeting Dates in Current Year: 8/12, 9/23, 10/21, 11/18, 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21

Major Actions or Accomplishments:

During the 2020-2021 academic year, the committee made progress in several key areas. Our major focus was carrying out the first full year of university-wide assessment of general education courses. This project involved communicating and providing support to chairs and faculty involved in assessing general education courses across APSU. The committee collected and analyzed data on student learning and held a workshop for faculty teaching in general education May 20, 2021 focused on reviewing the piloted assessment process and data collected. As a result of this workshop, our general education assessment process will have several changes implemented in the near future to make participation more feasible.

In addition to working on general education assessment, the committee developed brief descriptions of each required subject area listed in the Undergraduate Bulletin under General Education. The subject area descriptions highlight to students, advisors, and other stakeholders the knowledge, skills and perspectives student gain from taking general education courses, regardless of major. These descriptions are now a part of the Bulletin, and we plan to use them in the future to promote the educational opportunity that is APSU's General Education Core.

The committee also worked to create and keep updated a General Education website with details about our assessment process for faculty and others interested.

Three additional courses were voted to be added to the general education core, ECON 2000, HON 1045, and HON 2220. We also proposed and had passed updates to Policy 1:027 in regards to language about taking a sequence of courses from the same discipline in the Humanities area of the general education core.