



GEATFC MINUTES SUMMARY

General Education Ad Hoc Task Force on Curriculum

March 1, 2019. 3p.m., CAUDELL 110 214

GEATFC Senate Website page:

<https://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/general-education-ad-hoc-task-force-curriculum>

GEATFC Co-Chair Bhakti Sharma called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Jointly given by Co-Chairs; **Bhakti** and **Jason** presented their input as to what goals and work may be ahead for GEATFC. Since the need to review current documents must be a first step taken towards the possible revamping of the Gen Ed program at Buffalo State, Bhakti stated that any decisions made by GEATFC to revise current Gen Ed practices must be presented to the College Senate in the form of a resolution.

What we need to consider going forward:

- Reconciliation-reviewing of the SUNY 'White Papers'.
- SUNY 'White Paper' and upcoming 'Green Papers'.
- Feasibility-how this will impact students, faculty, and at-large our finances.
- Are we just going to review the Provost Report?
- Must haves- coherence and punctuation, and ability to be implemented.
- We are elected/appointed representatives from the Senate, Schools et al, and working together we would bring proposals forward and see if they are implementable.
- We can look at Gen Ed as a large-scale program.
- Reconciliation with SUNY papers.
- Flow-of what is being proposed and how would it be implemented.
- Identifying a series of resolutions as per Senate Chair Joe Marren; are the pieces separable. Taking a piece of Gen Ed proposal; delivering institutional learning outcomes.

Senate Chair Joe Marren stated that GEATFC being a task force will exist as long as it needs to complete its work. Unlike the Senate Committees, they only exist during the academic year. However, GEATFC will need to communicate with the Senate Committees that would be partaking in the Gen Ed reformation. Most likely GEATFC will exist into the 2019-2020 year, as this Gen Ed process will take more time than we have left in this spring semester.

SUNY 'Green Paper' will be issued in April. There are four Senate Committees represented within GEATFC. The responsibilities would be to communicate pertinent information with those involved in this Gen Ed process. If anything needs to come to the Senate, it would have to be at the March 8th or April 12th Senate meetings. If a vote is needed, that would need to be at the May 10th Senate meeting. Otherwise it would have to wait until Fall 2019 and the eight standing committees have their rosters approved and can begin to conduct business, including work with GEATFC.

Joe reminded GEATFC of its Charge:

- *"To read and debate the Provost's Committee Report on General Education that was released in September and to bring to the College Senate a resolution or resolutions on implementing all or parts of it. In other words, this can be done in stages if necessary. Implementation of any or all parts of the provost committee's report will be left up to other entities that will be charged in the future with implementation. The College Senate Ad Hoc Task Force on General Education will also, as much as possible, dovetail our Gen Ed requirements with any SUNY Gen Ed requirements that will be announced in the near future".*

Bhakti stated that we would like to be looking at proposals and have a Senate buy-in. Look at things on an independent level by forming Work-Groups (WG) from the GEATFC membership.

Jason stated that this Gen Ed program is campus-wide versus departmental only.

Bhakti noted that GEATFC will go to the Senate with any progress reports as well as resolutions. **Joe** has allotted time in the March 8th agenda for a brief report from GEATFC.

After **Bhakti** and **Jason** further shared ideas of what may be expected from GEATFC, **Bhakti** then asked members if they agreed with everything presented to them. There was extensive discussion and feedback from members.

The outcome will be whether or not we need a new Gen Ed program. However, there will be some changes to be in line with SUNY.

Phase 1-Proof-reading, Coherence, Implementation

Three work groups will be formed to address these three items:

- Logic, (utilizing “tiger stripes”),
- FTE problems, to be able to read the flow.
- Address feasibility of gaps.

Honest feedback will be needed here.

Phase 2-Reconciliation with SUNY Green paper: Anticipated to be issued in Fall 2019.

This might also entail:

- Re-writing of SLO's; this will be dependent on SUNY green paper.

Phase 3: Taking it to the Senate.

Bhakti stated that SUNY first needs to get their papers organized; so that GEATFC can look at the SLO's.

Jason noted that if we decide to throw out our Gen Ed program and go with SUNY's wording; how would we convert that?" We had IF-14 and 1-2 years later, SLO's were tweaked.

Scott noted that some Buffalo State piece so not have anything to do with SUNY. Amitra stated that in re-writing anything we cannot remove the Gen Ed designation.

By Fall 2019 hopefully SUNY will have something solidified. **John** spoke on two separate things; evaluating our local papers, and then SUNY's, important steps in this process.

Formation of Work-Groups-self-volunteering

Bhakti Sharma asked members which category they would like to be in

- The three categories:
 - a. Proofreading
 - b. Logic/flow and coherence
 - c. Implementable- are we going to run into issues with transfer students, budget issues and grandfathering of old courses.

All three work groups to keep in mind if the SUNY Gen Ed reconciliation with proposed Gen Ed can be made.

- **WG-1-Leader- Gary Solar**
 - a. Scott Goodman

- **WG-2-Ann Liao WG leader**
 - a. Steve Macho
 - b. Stephanie Foraker

- **WG-3-Joy Guarino WG leader**
 - a. John Abromeit
 - b. Gary Solar
 - c. Scott Goodman
 - d. Amitra Wall

For those not in attendance today, **Bhakti** and **Jason** will assign them to a Work-Group.

The next two meetings for GEATFC:

- Monday, March 18th in CAUDELL 110 @ 8:30 a.m.-9:30a.m.
- Monday, April 8th in CAUDELL 110 @ 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

There will also be email correspondence for GEATFC, i.e. in reviewing of all documents and feedback, when in person meetings may not be feasible.

Bhakti and Jason thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjournment: 3:55 p.m.