

UCCC General Education Committee
Mississippi State University March 29, 2019

Present: Amy Adkerson, Tracey Baham, Randy Campbell, Amy Crumpton,
Dana Franz, Kevin Hunt, Wendy Roussin, Peter Ryan, Jenny Turner, Chien Yu
Excused: Russell Carr, Andy Perkins

Baham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2019 in Room 271 of Garner Hall.

Baham called on Ryan to update the committee on general education issues. Ryan indicated the Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) is considering mathematics pathways, and if mathematics pathways are adopted, IHL will provide guidelines for Mississippi institutions. Currently MSU requires six (6) mathematics credits as part of the general education requirements, but IHL requires only three (3) mathematics credits. Ryan explained MSU requires 36 credit hours of general education course work while IHL requires only 30 credit hours. IHL is considering setting 120 hours as the maximum number of hours required for the standard baccalaureate degree. Ryan also reported he would like for the UCCC General Education Committee and the Arts and Science General Education Committee to work together on reviewing general education requirements at Mississippi State.

Baham distributed a proposal for assessment rotation for general education requirements. Baham asked committee members to review the list and indicate if any courses on the list should be removed because the courses are no longer taught. The professional communication skills requirements (oral, written, and computer) are not part of the general education requirements and are not assessed. It would be helpful to have a list of what courses are used for these competencies. Adkerson pointed out that several of the courses listed on the document are cross-listed, which will decrease the number of courses needed in each cycle. Baham agreed that the rotation will need to be modified again.

Franz and Baham will meet and prepare a first draft of general education guide lines and then will meet with the UCCC General Education Committee again. Franz will also send an email out to department heads to determine if courses are still being taught for assessment purposes. Franz indicated the Committee may also need to examine if the professional communication skills requirements will still be required in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.