

UWG General Education Assessment Committee Meeting

Sept 2nd, 2022 | 1:03 p.m. to 1:57 p.m.

Via Zoom

Call to Order

- R. de Mayo called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Present

- Amanda Thomas, Jean Cook, Rebecca De Mayo, Ashley Dycus, Elizabeth Falconi, Emily Hunt, David Leach, Shea Rose, Timothy Schroer, Scott Sykes, and Ericka Wentz

Absent

- None

Approval of Minutes

- The meeting minutes from May 16th, 2022, were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

Introducing the new Gen Ed Assessment Director (Provost Fellow) Dr. Ericka Wentz

- Dr. Wentz is an Associate Professor of Criminology in the Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service.
- A. Thomas introduced Dr. Wentz and noted her excitement at the opportunity to work together.
- Dr. Wentz will be taking over as the Chair of the GEA Committee. It has been noted that this will be Amanda Thomas' last meeting as Chairperson.
- The Administration is working on the specific responsibilities for Dr. Wentz's revised position as part of GEAC.

Data update and Discussion - R. de Mayo

- R. de Mayo has held individual meetings with faculty and departments to discuss the data reports and corresponding spreadsheet, noting that several faculty members were confused about the links to reports in the email. The email was entitled "GEA Priority Data for Fall 2022".
- Updated instructions will be used for the next round of reports.
- R. de Mayo shared the report with the GEA Committee on the call.
- E. Falconi suggested that Work Group Coordinators meet with their Work Groups to explain the report and get faculty suggestions on the plans' distribution. She also

suggested (and was supported by A. Thomas, among others) that deadlines for these meetings need to be set.

- Records reflect that in the first semester of the Implement & Collect Phase for Fall 2022, and several Core Areas did not include the implementation of an improvement plan due to timeline restraints and a lack of support over the Summer for faculty to review the data and develop the plans.
- J. Cook noted that GEAC was doing a great job in General Education Assessment and congratulated R. de Mayo and A. Thomas on a job well done given the difficult circumstances over the last several months.
- A. Thomas noted that Middle Georgia University was astounded by the great work the GEAC team had done at such a high level.
- R. de Mayo thanked the GEAC members and faculty teaching in the Core for all their help and indicated that feedback about improvements would be welcomed.

Improvement Plan development by B1, B2, C1, D1 and E3.

- E. Falconi suggested that Work Group Coordinators could have a "shared document" as a template for what should be included in the improvement plans, which A. Thomas supported.
- J. Cook also suggested a Google Drive folder with templates, reports, and deadlines for improvement plans.
- A. Thomas then suggested that previous years' versions of the A1 and A2 improvement plans be used as examples and could be used as templates.
- Several members proposed an email be sent to Deans, Chairs, and Program Coordinators informing them of the data collection timeline for Fall 2022, requesting the appointment of faculty to serve as assessors for the Spring 2022 artifacts, and the selection of Work Group members for each of the Core Areas.
- GEAC members agreed that Thanksgiving is a solid deadline for Improvement Plans.
- A. Thomas set a deadline for Improvement Plans to be completed and submitted by November 18th.
- Committee members reiterated their frustration with having to develop improvement plans so they are in place before Spring Semester 2023, especially given the lack of time and the absence of support and resources by the Administration.
- The deadline for Core Area A1 & A2 Improvement Plans is contingent on the speed at which the data can be scored and returned to work groups.

Xtracts Scoring from Fall '21

- S. Rose will reach out to G. Payne, who needs to score 12 lab assignments for D1 - BIOL 1010L, the last outstanding course.

New Business

Data Collection for Fall '22 - B1, B2, C1, D1, E3

- A. Thomas highlighted courses that are scoring this semester and last semester and pointed to the fact that History has a particularly high scoring load for this semester.
- A. Thomas will send out the course spreadsheet with the scoring requirements for this semester.

Scoring for Spring '22

- There was an extremely high data submission rate and very few complaints or questions during data collection for Spring 2022. This was likely due to the new format of the random sampling spreadsheet/website and the widened distribution of information.

SACSOC 10-Year Reaffirmation Report Update

- Dr. Atkins has requested that Dr. Galtney have a nearly completed draft SACSCOC report by December of this year.
- A SACSCOC-appointed consultant will be coming to the UWG in January 2023 to review and give feedback on the SACSOC report.
- GEAC needs to stay the course, continue working as in the past, and be aware that Dr. Wentz will ask for clarification and further information if/when needed.
- The SACSOC Reaffirmation Report is due in September 2023.

Additional Business

- Dr. Wentz noted her excitement about working with GEAC.

Next meeting date and time

- A Google Poll will be sent to schedule the next GEAC meeting. Meeting dates in early October and late September were discussed.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.