

# ***Academic Standards and Assessment Committee Chair Report***

TO: Committee members - Stephanie Davis, Ethan Hawkley, Daniel Murphree, , Dean Straight, Glen Tenney, Eric Andersen, Staci Warnert, Yvonne Naungayan.

FR: Susanne Bentley, committee chair

DT: 14 March 2023

RE: Meeting with Dean Doucette

Committee chair Susanne Bentley requested a meeting with Dean Mary Doucette to discuss the progress of the general education outcomes assessment. Chair Bentley requested clarification on the data collection procedures and expectations for a forthcoming report from the committee.

At Dean Doucette's request, committee member Daniel Murphree and Institutional Assessment Director William Brown attended a Zoom meeting with Susanne Bentley and Dean Doucette. Professor Murphree was a member of the General Education Committee when that committee developed the five-year general education assessment plan in 2019.

Dean Doucette, Daniel Murphree, William Brown, and Susanne Bentley met via Zoom on March 3, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bentley reported that essential data is missing to fully assess the general education outcomes for Year 1: Communications and Expressions, and she did not know how to complete a report without the data.

The General Education Committee was originally charged with completing the annual general education outcomes assessments. That task was moved to the Academic Standards Committee without Chair Bentley's knowledge, and essential contact with relevant departments did not occur. The GBC move to completely operating online due to Covid-19 and committee member changes created a situation that led to some departments not conducting annual assessments.

Bentley expressed frustration and stated that changing the responsibility of the general education outcomes assessment to the Academic Standards Committee was not the best way to handle these assessments. The General Education Committee

members are the most knowledgeable faculty members on campus regarding the General Education Program and general education requirements and outcomes. Members of the Academic Standards committee had to start from zero to either learn about the General Education Program or, at best, become reacquainted with that program. This has been a time-consuming task for committee members, and the committee has had to learn about the gen ed outcomes assessment expectations in a short time in order to write a comprehensive and accurate report.

Daniel Murphree is the only Academic Standards Committee member who was on the General Education Committee when the Gen Ed Committee wrote the five-year plan for the assessment of outcomes in 2019. Professor Murphree has a wealth of knowledge about the gen ed outcomes assessment, and he and Dean Doucette said that Chair Bentley should write her report on the Year 1 assessment outcomes and address the fact that some data is missing. It will be acceptable to state that not all data was collected.

Dean Doucette instructed Chair Bentley to have the committee review the information from the departments and use the form that Yvonne Naungayan created. She stated that the committee should just do the best it can with whatever data we have.

The attendees discussed presenting a proposal to the GBC Faculty Senate to move the responsibility of the gen ed outcomes assessment back to the General Education Committee. Chair Bentley will discuss this with the Academic Standards Committee after the assessments are completed.

Attendees also discussed the progress of assessments of Year 3. Chair Bentley will meet with the full-time humanities instructors within the next week.

Respectfully submitted by Susanne Bentley, Academic Standards Committee  
Chair