The General Education Council (GEC) is the body recommending to the Bloomsburg University Curriculum Committee (BUCC) on all matters concerning the General Education program at Bloomsburg University.

Purpose

The GEC, in consultation with the relevant departments, will recommend targets for the Goals for General Education Student Learning Outcomes as revealed by assessments and inform the University of those targets. The GEC will use BUCC approved targets to determine whether the Goals for Student Learning Outcomes of General Education are being achieved and report that determination to the University.

The GEC will review all course, program and other proposals concerning General Education and make recommendations about proposals to the BUCC. The GEC will receive assessment data concerning all aspects of General Education and work with Departments and Colleges to use that data to improve General Education. When appropriate, the GEC will make recommendations to the BUCC to modify General Education. The GEC will be responsible for ensuring the role of General Education at the University is understood by members of the University and other interested persons.

The GEC will schedule meetings so that proposals are acted upon in a timely manner and that assessment data can be analyzed effectively. Meetings will be scheduled so that recommended proposals can be forwarded to the BUCC normally within one month during the academic year. Meetings will be open to the University community.

Membership

The voting members of the GEC will be twelve faculty members, two student members, a representative from the Division of Student Affairs, and the Director of Planning and Assessment. No more than one faculty member from any single department will be eligible to serve on the GEC at the same time. The twelve faculty members shall include at least two members from each of the colleges, one member from the Department of Developmental Instruction and one member from the library. With the exception of the first election, all faculty shall serve a two-year term.
The student members will be two undergraduate students designated by the Community Government Association. The Student Life representative will be appointed by the Vice-President for Student Life.

A quorum will consist of at least eight voting members, a majority of whom must be elected faculty. When a quorum is present, a simple majority of the quorum will suffice to approve any action. The chair of the council will be elected from the elected faculty members and serve for one year.

In addition to the voting members, the GEC will include the Dean of Undergraduate Education as a nonvoting member.

When a council member is unable to attend a meeting, he or she may designate an appropriate representative for that meeting. The representative will have the privileges of the member for that meeting.

Operating Procedures

The council shall maintain and follow operating procedures which ensure the effective review of the General Education program.

Changes to the Bylaws

Changes to these bylaws become effective when approved by the BUCC and Provost following consideration by the Meet and Discuss Committee.