

General Education Council  
Minutes of April 15, 2013

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Manish Agrawal, Dan Belgrad, Annette Christy, William Cummings, Jeff Cunningham, C. David Frankel, Marty Gould, Chung Seop Jeong, Denise Maguire, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, Audrey Powers, Sandy Reynolds, Scott Rimbey, Stephan Schindler, Susan Silver, Gerald Woods

Absent: Sandy Reynolds

to be a 'common intellectual experience which will generate discussion, promote critical thinking, and instill a sense of community among students, faculty/staff and alumni (this excerpt was taken from the draft overview).' The book will be integrated into the curriculum of First Year Composition classes and University Experience classes. Janet Moore asked the council members to consider volunteering to read the book and then include it in their respective curricula as well. The book selection involved faculty, staff, and students in both Student Affairs and in Academic Affairs, and has approval from the President and Provost. The books are in the process of being purchased via Barnes and Noble/USF Bookstore.

ii. Discussion points:

1. There was a question regarding the Honors College already having a similar program in place. It was reported that the Honors College has agreed to utilize Skloot's book in their shared reading experience in AY 2013-2014 as well.
2. Suggestions of possible events tied to the book included: staged readings, a film series, related poetry-writing events during National Poetry Month; print-making events to further involve the arts, events similar to TED talks, and a speaker series to include health experts and possibly the author and the family members of Henrietta Lacks (it was pointed out that the author was already a guest at USF in 2011, which makes her already familiar with the University of South Florida and the area).
3. Kevin Yee of ATLE (Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence) offered their office as a location for faculty to pick up information on the book and the Common Reading Program.
4. Audrey Powers suggested adding a link to the USF Library's website that would include information related to the Common Reading Program and related events.

b. Assessment Policy

- i. Karla Davis-Salazar asked the council for their input regarding the wording currently used in FKL course approval letters and FKL course recertification approval letters, which is: *"Please note that all courses in the FKL Core Curriculum are expected to participate as needed in the continuing university assessment of general education. Courses are randomly selected to provide assessment data for FKL program assessment. Efforts are made to utilize a process that can be integrated into the course and*

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