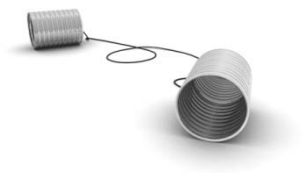


## GEC Minutes: September 1, 2009

Present: O'Mansky, Horvath, McManus, Mullins, Armstrong, Ritchey, Munro,  
Bonhomme, Stringer, Gergits  
Absent: Chen, Crist, Miller



Not yet appointed: BCOE representative, two students

- Introductions and welcome
- Gergits asked that the GEC review the last three meetings' minutes. They are available on the web and on the Banner group site. I can also send them as attached files, if you prefer.
- Sharon Stringer updated the committee on assessment issues: a new assistant director, Hillary Fuhrman, has joined the Assessment Office. The Voluntary System of Accountability, which we were joined last fall, requires that universities implement standardized testing and the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). This fall, the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) will be given to incoming freshmen. In the spring, seniors will be tested. The NSSE will be sent to freshmen and graduating seniors in the spring.

Stringer noted that overall program assessment did not go well last year, with fewer than usual departments providing program reports and use of data remaining low. She also discussed briefly how well the LiveText pilot has gone.

- After a motion by Brian Bonhomme, seconded by Sharon Stringer, the GEC unanimously approved cross-listing Political Science 3757 with Soc 3757 (OI).
- No individual course assessments for general education will be submitted this year as we undertake revision of the program and assessment.
- Discussion ensued about how best to approach revision. Nate Ritchey noted that we should make a model that people can live with, not simply re-work a broken system. He suggested that we should aim for one aspect of the program that is unique and of which we are really proud. Members noted that we need an articulation of the overall problem to know how best to proceed. Bringing in other voices once we've determined a direction would be useful. The state requirements for the transfer model is another constraint.

## GEC Meeting Schedule Fall 2009

Meetings will be at 3:00. If no agenda items occur (fat chance of that), we'll cancel. I'll send out e-mail, so don't mark my e-mails as junk—at least not yet. We start out in the provost's conference room but then move to Kilcawley for the remaining meetings.

September 1, Provost's meeting room	October 27, Stambaugh
September 14, Stambaugh, Kilcawley	November 10, Stambaugh
September 29, Stambaugh	November 24, Stambaugh
October 13, Stambaugh	December 8, Stambaugh

**Welcome back!**