

**General Education Committee
Retreat Minutes**

September 1, 2016

Present:	Don Wilathgamuwa	Bernie Quetchenbach
	Melinda Tilton	Jim Barron
	Matt Queen	Brent Finger
	Tom Regele	Leanne Gilbertson
	Scott Harris	Elizabeth Fullon
	Megan Thomas	
Guests:	Florence Garcia	David Craig
	Susan Gilbertz	Mark Nook
	Bob Hoar	Matt Redinger
	Christine Shearer	

Melinda Tilton, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees.

Susan Gilbertz, Chair of the Academic Senate, stated that the GEC should play an important role this year in (1.) clarifying the learning outcomes of Gen Ed; (2.) the efforts for assessment; and (3.) using Gen Ed as a retention mechanism, including changing how we talk about Gen Ed. The Senate will ask the GEC for recommendations, not decisions.

Ms. Tilton announced that, over the summer, Kurt Toenjes resigned from the GEC, so as last year's Chair Alternate she is leading the retreat. The Committee will choose a chair at the first regular meeting after the semester has started, but Jim Barron has indicated interest in the position.

The participants in the AACU Summer 2016 Gen Ed & Assessment Institute, Christine Shearer, Florence Garcia, David Craig, Elizabeth Fullon, and Ms. Tilton, guided the members through a summary of what was gleaned from the conference.

Vice Provost Matt Redinger spoke about assessment of Gen Ed and transforming Gen Ed.

Respectfully submitted, Rita J. Rabe Meduna.