I. **Introduction of Members, Work and Procedures of Gen Ed Council**
Chair thanked everyone for attending. Members introduced themselves. Chair reviewed the membership and charge of the Council, Gen Ed website, Council procedures (in Curriculum Guide), and WI/SI committees. Council procedures can be revised at any time. Council has a history of emphasizing discussion geared toward achieving consensus. Chair explained Student Learning Outcomes (SLO), Categories, Markers and Learning Goals (LG). Discussion concerning the Writing and Speaking Intensive courses and review.

II. **Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2016 – Approved** (Terranova, Vines)

III. **Sub-Committee Assignments**
Chair provided an overview of the General Education Council sub committees and asked for volunteers.

- **Assessment**
  - Jessica McCall (chair)
  - Angela Newman
  - Dale Schunk

- **Course Recertification**
  - Aaron Terranova (chair)
  - Amy Vines
  - Jill Bender

- **New Course Proposals**
  - Amy Harris Houk (chair)
  - Jay Lennartson
  - Stuart Allen
  - Igor Erovenko

- **Student Learning Enhancement Committee Liaison** – CVPA representative

IV. **Old Business - GRD SLOs**
Jonathan Zarecki advised GRD ad hoc committee has completed their review of the GRD SLOs. GRD SLOs are linked to the GA competencies as well as sub competencies. GRD Ad hoc committee revised GRD category description:

*Students gain skills in intellectual discourse, including constructing and evaluating arguments, synthesizing and analyzing evidence, and communicating clearly, coherently, and effectively.*

Ad hoc committee also recommends keeping current SLOs. Discussion concerning inclusion of Critical Thinking language provided by GA. Jon advised the committee also defined category proficiencies which will assist with the assessment process. Chair encouraged Council to think about category/marker proficiencies. Council will vote on these at a later time.

Motion to approve GRD SLOs and category description as submitted (Vines, McCall).

**Motion approved.**

Chair thanked Jon and committee for their work.

Chair advised report by Faculty Senate regarding the KIN 220 appeal is in Box. One notable item is the recommendation that the faculty member submitting a proposal, should abstain from the vote.

V. **Agenda items for the upcoming year**

Chair asked Council for agenda items, Council Chair and review of the General Education Program at UNCG will be on the next agenda. Discussion followed concerning Gen Ed review. Suggestion made to include discussion concerning additional faculty lines for General Education courses, this could be added to the General Education review discussion. We need to have a larger discussion about the definition/role of general education and SLOs. Remote meetings, especially if we do not have a quorum.

VI. **Discussion Items**

Chair advised Provost Dunn is interested in a General Education Program review. We are not sure as to the scope of the review. It’s been about ten years since our last Gen Ed review. Some reasons for the review are upcoming Strategic Plans of GA and UNCG, UNC GA work on student success, the diverse nature of the UNCG student body. Review should identify ways to make the General Education program at UNCG more efficient. Chair will schedule several informal discussions with faculty to talk about the idea of General Education at UNCG and the possible review of the General Education Program at UNCG. A standing committee would perform the review. Chair distributed copies of *General Education Transformed* and *Revising General Education* to Council and asked them to begin thinking about the review process and talking to colleagues about the General Education review.

Discussion followed, use this year to lay the ground work, Council should be the educated body to guide the campus. This should have full faculty and Faculty Senate input. This shouldn’t be rushed.
VII. **Recertification Updates**

Chair advised shell courses will be recertified. Shell courses with a mirror course in an academic department will not be reviewed, the mirror course
The following Category and Markers are to be recertified this year:
- GHP – 63 courses
- GN – 121 courses
- GRD – 9 courses

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.
Next meeting is September 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in 1607 MHRA