



General Education Committee  
Minutes

September 12, 2016

Present:	Don Wilathgamuwa	Bernie Quetchenbach
	Melinda Tilton	Jim Barron
	Matthew Queen	Brent Finger
	Emily Arendt	Tom Regele
	John Roberts	Patricia Nichols
	Ken Miller	Scott Harris
	Elizabeth Fullon	Megan Thomas
	Matt Redinger (ex officio)	

Absent: Leanne Gilbertson\*  
\*excused

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The meeting was called to order at 3:16 p.m. in McMullen 305.

I. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2016-2017

- Tom Regele nominated Jim Barron, and Matt Queen seconded.
- Carried.

Melinda Tilton agreed to chair.

The minutes of April 18 and Retreat on September 1 were accepted as presented.

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. ETS as a Graduation Requirement

The Committee has discussed on numerous occasions that the ETS Proficiency Profile test won't give us good data unless all our students are taking it. In the past the Committee has been told it is not feasible to make the ETS test a graduation requirement, but we have now come to the point where it is necessary. We need a meaningful way to assess our Gen Ed program, and the ETS test will be a part of it. If we want to get something going this year, we need to take action at today's meeting, and we should never shy away from telling the administration this is the right thing to do.

It was noted that the cost may be high to test every student. Vice Provost Redinger noted that funding from the Assessment Fee is sufficient to cover the costs.

- Motion by Patty Nichols, seconded by Tom Regele that the GEC recommends to the Academic Senate that the ETS test be made a graduation requirement for ~~year~~ programs and implement as soon as possible

- Motion carried.

It was noted that this policy ca