General Education Council
Minutes
November 6, 2015
(conducted electronically through email)

Old Business:
- Discussion: Update the Core and create a Core webpage
    1. Suggestion: re-package the core with better Core Names
    2. Students not familiar with the Core and prospective students find it difficult to find the Core online and understand it.
    3. Students identify more with their major than the core.
    4. Contacted Keith Warburg and his department is ready to assist with this project.
    5. Continued the discussion online and suggestions included:

        Mark

        Area A: Beginnings
        Area B: Connections
        Area C: Expressions
        Area D: Observations
        Area E: Society

        Jane
        - I'm leaning towards Mark's suggestions with some alterations. They are in parallel form, which appeals to the English teacher in me.
        - I might suggest "Explorations" for Area D (since the students will be actually performing labs and thus doing more than observing) and maybe "Interactions" for Area E.
        - I would also like to see subtitles for each, clarifying what these lovely abstract words refer to.

        Jeremy

        Area A1: The Written Word
        Area A2: Mathematical Calculations
        Area B: The Diversity of Perspectives
        Area C: ~~Creations and Speculations~~ Human Creative Expression
        Area D: The Natural World
        Area E: The Social World

Aubrey

Area A: Beginnings
Area C: Appreciations
Area D: Observations (Views)
Area E: Empathy

Lai

Area A1: The Written Word
Area A2: Calculations
Area B: Perspectives
Area C: Creations and Speculations
Area D: The Natural World
Area E: The Social World