General Education Council
Minutes
October 25, 2018
1.) Approval of Minutes
2.) Old Business
Suggestion: develop a survey and ask faculty, department heads, advisors, and
student focus groups to determine what the issues concerning the Core are
and include:
a.) Rodney Carr on enrollment. Dr. Carr suggests that the content of the Core
classes be more career-related and directed. Enrollment is important, but
retention of students has become the greater issue. If the students can see
how the Core classes relate to their specific choice of careers, we can raise
our VSU retention rates. Suggests the creation of Freshman Seminars and
placed in AREA B of our Core Curriculum.

orientation-type skills are covered in this course. Bonding and early
immersion to the program is introduced.
b.) Linda de la Garza: Chemistry Freshman, sophomore, senior and soon to be
Junior Seminars.
Dr. de la Garza teaches the Freshman Seminar. She and Dr. Gosnell provide a
comprehensive progression for the students who are interested in becoming
Chemistry majors. All aspects of research, time management, major
expectations, career opportunities and bonding are covered. A student
organization is also part of this seminar. There is also a Sophomore seminar