

General Education Council

February 28, 2011

Minutes

Present:

Harshavardhan Bapat
Donna Bussell
Heather Dell
Jay Gilliam
Richard Gilman-Opalsky
John Martin
Karen Moranski
Don Morris
Tung Nguyen
Natalie Tagge
Peter Shapinsky

Absent:

Justin Keenan
Pinky Wassenberg

1. Review of minutes of February 14, 2010

John Martin motioned to approve the minutes, Richard Gilman-Opalsky seconded the motion and all were in favor.

2. Announcement

Comparative Societies Workshop – March 21, 2011; 12:30-2:00 - UHB 2022
Heather Dell invited anyone from Gen Ed Council to a workshop for Comparative Societies instructors.

3. Follow up General Education Proposal

The proposal was sent to the Undergraduate Council last week.

Drs. Bapat and Moranski spoke about the discussion that took place in the meeting.

The Undergraduate Council thanks the General Education Council for the packet that was put together. It clarified issues about what we are facing and they appreciated the simplified one page proposal. The UGC will

meet again on March 11 and will be at a point where they can vote on it. Then Harshavardhan Bapat will write the memo that will go to Campus Senate Executive Committee meeting giving them enough time for a reading. Most UGC members seem to be fine with the proposal. It was crucial the proposal got to the UGC when it did and that the UGC get it to Campus Senate when it does, so there will be time to hire and train for freshman seminar classes. Gen Ed Council members were asked to put the word out to recruit instructors.

Assuming the proposal is approved, Council needs to be thinking about creating course approval criteria in order to quickly approve freshman seminar courses for fall and next spring. Faculty will need to have the summer to think about possible course work. Donna Bussell, Karen Moranski, Heather Dell, Tung Nguyen, and Tarah Sweeting-Trotter are to be on the committee to develop the criteria hopefully finishing around spring break.

4. Student Petition

A student is asking that a course (Social Science 280) taken at Richland Community College be accepted as Global Awareness credit.

Peter Shapinsky motioned to approve the petition, John Martin seconded, All were in favor of approval.

Karen Moranski would like to share this petition (without her personal information) as a student model on how to get a transfer course approve, or at least include it in the instructions.

5. For Your Information

ENG 099 – Critical Reading

Remedial English

This is to inform Gen Ed Council of the need for this course so we can begin reading placement testing for incoming freshmen.

It was mentioned that it is good we are trying to help the students catch up, but there are 099 math courses as well, and it puts a lot of stress on

instructors. After a time, there should be an easier way of helping these students.

6. New Courses

- a. CLS 215: Solving Medical Mysteries – Life Science with future lab
Action: Re-submit - Kicked back to instructor for more information.

Council is considering this course without the lab. When it is added on then we will review the lab components. The course submission form will need to be changed as future lab is not an option. There are also questions about the course level and of it being on-line. The scientific method is not listed under the objectives. It is a concern there are no textbooks or reading material other than on various websites. For a lower division science class, it does not clearly show the methodology to deliver the title. It will also need an academic sub title.

Summary: This course lacks textbook or reading assignments and Learning Outcomes are to be clarified.

John Martin will work with instructor.

See second reading notes below. Changed level to CLS 115.

- b. SOA 311: ECCE: Perspectives on Poverty – Engagement Experience
Action: Approved.
John motioned to approve, Peter Shapinsky seconded the motion; all were in favor.
- c. ENG 272: Intro to Creative Writing – Visual, Creative & Performing Arts
Action: Approved
Tung Nguyen motioned to approve, Peter Shapinsky seconded, all were in favor.
- d. PSC 423: ECCE: Women and Politics – U.S. Communities
Action: Approved

Model syllabus

John Martin motioned to approve, Jay Gilliam seconded the motion; all were in favor.

e. GBL 358: ECCE: The Chinese Century – Global Awareness

Action: Revise. Peter Shapinsky will work with the adjunct instructor to clarify the global awareness criteria and how active learning processes are carried out.

Courses Reviewed by e-mail

LIS 442: ECCE: International Women Writers – Global Awareness
Revised syllabus attached. 2nd review

There was consensus by the Committee to approve this course although when it comes up for review note the concerns of interdisciplinarity within the course. The e-mail of comments has been filed with the paperwork

SOA 372: ECCE: Nature, History and Human Action – Global Awareness

There was consensus by the Committee to approve this course with no exceptions.

CLS 215: second reading by e-mail. – Level changed to CLS 115

This course has been approved as a 100 level.

Respectfully submitted,

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