

**General Education Council  
Minutes  
September 24, 2012  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
PAC 493**

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Present

Stephen Schnebly  
Dorothy Hemmo  
Patricia Byrnes  
Peter Shapinsky  
John Martin  
Richard Gilman-Opalsky  
Karen Moranski

Absent

Pinky Wassenberg  
Tung Nguyen  
Lan Dong  
Harshavardhan Bapat

I. Announcements

A. Welcome to Dorothy Hemmo as GEC's newest member.

B. Open Meetings Act Training for members of standing committees.

Steve Schnebly will send out a link for all committee members who have not completed this training. Training is to be completed by November 25<sup>th</sup> for new members and January 1, 2013 for continuing members. This is a onetime training, not to be done annually. Deb will forward Steve's e-mail to the Council. Members are to send a copy of their certificate to Deb for tracking.

C. Patty Byrnes asked if there were bylaws for this committee. John Martin replied that we are charged by the Senate, but committees can have their own rules.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2012

John Martin motioned to approve the minutes, Patty Byrnes seconded, in favor 6-0.

III. Approval of New Courses

A. CAP 255 ECCE: How the World Works Global Awareness [2<sup>nd</sup> submittal, returned for checklist]  
Some of the recommendations are to include a mission statement, possibly change the title and review the learning outcomes.

**ACTION: Approved 5-1 when the changes are made. Steve will work with instructor and inform Deb when to send it to Catalog.**

B. PSC 481 ECCE: Cuban Politics & US/Cuban Relations – Global Awareness [2<sup>nd</sup> submittal, returned for checklist, ODS statement, Academic Integrity Statement]

**ACTION: Check with Pinky Wassenberg to see if she knows how many students are going on the Cuba trip, and then send to committee by e-mail. Clarify what the brown bag presentation is and why it is 20% of grade. Add it to the syllabus and contextualize**

the discussion of Cuba in a broader discussion of Latin America for the students not going on the study abroad trip.

Since there is a time crunch on getting this approved before the November catalog deadline, we will approve based on what the expectations are for those students not going on the trip. Clarify field notes. Steve Schnebly will send to Council via e-mail to re-vote. Steve Schnebly will contact instructor and inform Deb when to send to Catalog.

- C. SOA 435: ECCE: Immigrants, Public Opinion and Public Policy - former ECCE Elective to U.S. Communities [1<sup>st</sup> reading]

**ACTION: 6-0 approved as ECCE: U.S. Communities**

- D. Language Courses – former Elective to Humanities [1<sup>st</sup> reading]

LNG 251 – Japanese  
LNG 221 – Spanish  
LNG 211 – French  
LNG 241 – Chinese  
LNG 231 – German  
LNG 261 - Russian

**ACTION: Tabled, Steve will contact Keith Burton with names of sub-Committee. Peter Shapinsky and John Martin volunteered to be on sub-committee.**

- E. HIS 161 Introduction to the Modern Middle East - Comparative Societies-Humanities [1<sup>st</sup> reading]

**ACTION: Approved 6-0 with minor changes to have more comparative components in the syllabus.**

**Tabled for next meeting:**

- F. HIS 211: Women in the Middle East – Social and Behavioral Science [1<sup>st</sup> reading]

- G. CHE 101: Preparatory Chemistry – Physical Science without a lab [1<sup>st</sup> reading]

- H. SOA 458: ECCE: Global Social Change and Transnational Movements – Global Awareness [1<sup>st</sup> reading]

- I. LIS 344: ECCE: Serving up Art – Engagement Experience [1<sup>st</sup> reading]

- J. HIS 424 ECCE: Ancient Sport and Spectacle – Global Awareness [1st reading]

IV. Policy Statement Review and Approval

Transfer courses submitted by petition for approval for ECCE requirements. Karen Moranski is proposing to allow only six hours to be accepted for ECCE while the student takes the remaining 3 hours at UIS.

**ACTION: Tabled until first thing next meeting**

V. Review of projects for AY 2012-13

- A. Electronic Course Forms
- B. ECCE Assessment Plans
- C. Qualitative Assessment of Lower Division Gen Ed
- D. Syllabus review by category
- E. Revision of Global Awareness and U.S. Communities criteria
- F. Math Assessment Report