

General Education Council
Minutes
November 12, 2012
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
PAC 493

Present:

Steve Schnebly
John Martin
Peter Shapinsky
Lan Dong
Richard Gilman-Opalsky
Harshavardhan Bapat
Dorothy Hemmo
Karen Moranski
Tung Nguyen
Patricia Byrnes

Absent:

Pinky Wassenberg
Deb Ply

I. Announcements

- a. Welcome to GECO's new student member, Samia Ahmad
- b. Open Meetings Act reminder to complete.
- c. Karen Moranski took the minutes while Deb Ply was out ill.

II. Approval of Minutes from October 22, 2012

Richard Gilman-Opalsky motioned to accept the minutes of October 22nd; Lan Dong seconded the motion and all were in favor.

III. Update to CAP 354

It was decided to use UNI 460 for the study abroad portion of this course and CAP 354 as the Global Awareness, class portion. These courses have been approved.

IV. There was discussion regarding the one credit hour equals 20 hours for ECCE Engagement. The English Department was not enthusiastic as they are not following that formula.

Action: Lan Dong will let Megan Cass know, but her course is U.S. Communities, not Engagement Experience. The Gen Ed Council will consider adopting a policy.

V. Approval of New Courses

A. MUS 121: Introduction to Western Art Music – VCP [1st reading]

GECO expressed concerns about online status. They suggested switching between on-ground and online. A few concerns about the course level and that it may be too difficult or too much work for students.

Action: Requesting the instructor to clarify what "art music" is; the course was approved, unanimously.

- B. PHI 252: Science Fiction & Philosophy – Humanities [1st reading]

Action: Request to remove the Special Requirements for Graduate Students in the syllabus, on page 4. This course was approved, unanimously.

- C. HIS 475: ECCE: Nationalism & Imperialism – Global Awareness [1st reading]

Action: GECO compliments the instructor on dealing with parts of the world that are underrepresented and to make interdisciplinarity explicit in the syllabus. They said this was a “classic global awareness” course but suggests that she beef up the learning outcomes with more global awareness outcomes. She uses preferred course features but doesn’t state them in the learning outcomes. This is a timely class and was approved unanimously.

- D. ENS 488: ECCE: China’s Environment and the World – Global Awareness [1st reading]

The instructor did a nice job of shifting the focus on one country into global awareness. It also has great learning outcomes.

Action: This course was approved unanimously.

- E. WGS 204: ECCE: Women Change the World – Global Awareness [1st reading]

John Martin dislikes the 200-level ECCE but compliments the instructor on the descriptions of active learning.

This is a great global awareness but the clarity of the weekly schedule needs improvement as well as adding a heading.

Action: This course was approved with 1 no and 1 abstention.

- F. MUS 319: ECCE: Music and Social Justice – Global Awareness [1st reading]

This course needs to be framed as a global awareness more explicitly. If the instructor is willing to reframe as a global awareness, then the course is approved, unanimously.

- G. ENG 368: ECCE: Creative Writing, Publishing and Community – U.S. Communities [1st reading]

This course needs to identify disciplines in the course description. The instructor is complimented on community projects, but she is to make clear the units in the course with headings or explanation.

Action: This course was approved unanimously.

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

This course will not be taught until fall, 2013 so is being tabled until the spring session.

VI. Long Term Projects for Review in 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
- G. Policy on hours formula
- H. ECCE as 200 level

Respectfully submitted,

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