

**General Education Council**  
**Minutes**  
**November 26, 2012**  
**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**  
**PAC 493**

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Present:

Steve Schnebly  
John Martin  
Lan Dong  
Richard Gilman-Opalsky  
Harshavardhan Bapat  
Dorothy Hemmo  
Karen Moranski  
Tung Nguyen  
Samia Ahmad

Absent:

Peter Shapinsky  
Patricia Byrnes

I. Announcements

The deadline has passed to take the online Open Meetings Act. We took a count and all have submitted their certificates.

II. Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2012

**ACTION: John Martin motioned to accept the minutes, Steve Schnebly seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

III. Approval of New Courses

HIS 424: ECCE: Ancient Sports & Spectacle – Global Awareness

There was much discussion about whether or not this course pushes the boundaries of western culture. Weeks 15 and 16 in the schedule seem to be more promising of being less Greco-Roman and broaden sport into other societies. They would like to see other weeks besides these show the same.

**ACTION: Steve will request the instructor to explain further how this course deals with pushing the cultural boundaries and how other weeks beside 15 & 16 does this.**

**Council will approve this next meeting provided the instructor has made the clarification.**

IV. Subcommittee on languages report

The Registrar does not wish to make the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semester languages fit into a Gen Ed category going forward. He would like to be able to fit language into a humanities category for those students who are graduating and have not met the humanities requirement but have taken language courses.

Since we do not have the ECCE Elective anymore and CAP Scholars no longer require language, the languages need to count for something. In the broader context than ECCE, by making changes to global awareness requirements, some languages can fit there and some in other ECCE categories.

**ACTION:** Revise the Global Awareness criteria to make it possible for language courses to get approval in that category and GECO will communicate with the language program to encourage the development of syllabi that meet the criteria.

V. Revision of Global Awareness criteria

Changes are being made to the criteria to include language courses.

**Action:** Moved an item about the epicenters of power to required criteria, and will continue discussion at the next meeting. Steve will send out a document of the changes so far. Members are to bring their track changes to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply