

General Education Council
Minutes
January 26, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location: PAC 493

Present: Sean Blackwell, Heather Dell, Sherine Antoun, Pamela Salela, Tena Helton, Ken Owen, Marcel Yoder, Bob Blankenberger, Steve Schnebly, Kay McChesney

Absent: Ronda Mitchell

I. Other Business

- A. Even though the deadline to turn in Global Awareness courses for recertification has passed, Heather Dell requested that she and Bob Blankenberger continue collecting and reviewing Global Awareness courses to see if they are ready for Council or if they need more work. The Council by consensus agreed for Heather and Bob to continue to collect syllabi and review their readiness for recertification.
- B. It was asked if there were any decisions made by Senate regarding the General Education Council questionnaire. An ad hoc committee was formed and an open meeting was held. It seems there were no reasons to consolidate committees.

II. Approval of Minutes – November 28, 2016

ACTION: Sherine Antoun motioned to approve the minutes, Tena Helton seconded the motion and it passed with 8 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention.

III. Approval of Student Petition Transfer Course

SWK 410 Social Work Policy and Services – Taken at UIUC – requesting approval for U.S. Communities requirement.

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to deny this course to fulfill a U.S. Communities requirement. Sherine Antoun seconded the motion. It was voted 7 for denial, 1 for approval, 0 abstentions.

IV. Approval of New Courses

- A. HIS 212: History of Russia: Peter I to Putin – New Humanities and Social Science.

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to approve this course as both humanities and social science; Ken Owen seconded and it passed 8 for approval, 0 against, 0 abstention.

B. ASP 103: Practical Astronomy – New Physical Science with Lab

It seems that this course came to the catalog office and then to Gen Ed Council without the approval of the CLAS Curriculum Committee. It was reviewed by GEC Co anyway.

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to approve, Tena Helton seconded the motion. Kay McChesney amended the motion to approve now but sign off on it after the Curriculum Committee has reviewed it and signatures received. This course does not need to come back to GEC Co. The motion was carried by 7 to approve, 0 against, 1 abstention.

V. Recertification of Global Awareness Courses

A. CAP 253: ECCE: For Better and For Worse

ACTION: This course was passed for recertification of Global Awareness unanimously 8 for approval, 0 against, 0 abstention.

B. PSC 373: ECCE: Introduction to International Relations

ACTION: It was agreed by consensus to send this course back for a revise and resubmit if the author is willing to make significant changes. If not, the ECCE attribute will be removed. Some of the changes include:

- Explanation of how it is interdisciplinary
- Add an addendum to replicate answers from other students
- Methods of assessment okay but not what is being assessed.
- What are the assignments for mid-term
- How is cultural awareness being presented in class
- Where does in-depth analysis happen for this to be a 300 level course

Ken Owen will contact the instructor to see what she would like to do.

C. ENS 446: ECCE: Population and Public Policy

This course has a significant amount of readings but has no cultural awareness by insider perspectives. It is a demographic course not an interdisciplinary course.

ACTION: Sherine Antoun motioned to deny this course for recertification. Tena Helton seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously 8 in favor of denial; 0 against; 0 abstention.

Tena Helton motioned to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Pamela Salela seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply