

General Education Council
Minutes
February 9, 2015
PAC 493
10:00 am – 11:30 a.m.

Present

Anibal Maximiliano Sanchez
Ronda Mitchell
Lucia Vazquez
Kenneth Owen
Mark Wrighton
Heather Dell
Karen Moranski
Steve Schnebly
Pamela Salela
Deb Ply

Visitor

Elizabeth Kosmetatou-visitor

I. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2014

ACTION: Pamela Salela motioned to approve the minutes of December 8, Steve Schnebly seconded the motion. There was 1 abstention and the minutes were approved.

II. Petition

Transferring REHB 330: Disability in American Society taken at UIUC. Would like approval to use it for ECCE: U.S. Communities credit.

ACTION: There was a consensus to deny this petition due to lack of writing and other learning outcomes for upper division ECCE.

III. Approval of Courses

A. HIS 122: Game of Thrones – New - Freshman Seminar/Humanities – 1st Reading

ACTION: This course was approved by consensus.

- B. CRJ 312: ECCE: Policing in America – Existing course requesting ECCE: U.S. Communities attribute – 1st Reading

ACTION: This course has been kicked back for reading level, and the communities need to be foregrounded and centralized. The committee would like to see more readings on policing race, class, and gender. Ken Owen will work with Ryan Williams.

- C. ENG 369: ECCE: Verbal Arts in the Community – Existing topics course – Need re-certification for ECCE: Engagement Experience. First approved in 2009. 1st Reading

ACTION: Tabled until next meeting due to the entire schedule is not attached. Deb will re-scan and load on to BOX.

IV. GEC Co Notifications

What are considered substantive or non-substantive changes in course description?

Examples are posted on Current Meeting Materials in BOX.

CAP 141

CAP 361

CAP 371

ACTION: Since it is unknown what a substantive change would look like, Council would like to see all of them until they are satisfied of the differences.

V. Updates on AAC&U, Quality Initiative and COPLAC – Karen Moranski

Karen keeps GEC Co abreast of issues brought up on a national level as it relates to General Education.

- AAC&U brought up issues regarding K-12 students and how they are being prepared for their college experience. The priorities have shifted to getting a job and that is what is needed in terms of education. AAC&U/LEAP have just completed another survey of employers and the types of education they are looking for, e.g. reading, writing, critical thinking skills, etc. Applied learning and internships have taken the place of global learning, awareness of the world around us types of learning. 90-100% of employers stated they wish potential employees have an internship of some kind. This is where colleges and universities should be headed, toward more engagement experiences.

- Karen talked about what assessment is being discussed and the different kinds of literacies. Should we change our learning outcomes to match the DQP? She requested the council to think about if or when to tweak or do a major overhaul of our baccalaureate skills and learning outcomes.
- Our Quality Initiative is on target.
- COPLAC is working with the Teagle Foundation regarding their grant funding for higher education. COPLAC is finding new solutions to higher education problems and getting students ready for the workplace.

Council adjourned at 11:25 am

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ply