

General Education Council
Minutes
February 13, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location: PAC 493

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

I. Approval of Minutes – January 26, 2017 and February 6, 2017

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017 with changes. Steve Schnebly seconded and the motion passed with 8 for approval, 0 against, 1 abstention

Kay McChesney motioned to approve the minutes of January 26, 2017 with changes. Pamela Salela seconded and the motion passed with 8 for approval, 0 against, 1 abstention.

II. Approval of New Courses

A. THE 382: Theatre History – New Humanities

ACTION: Steve Schnebly motioned to send THE 382 back to change it to a 200 level. Ronda Mitchell seconded and the motion passed 8 for lowering of level, 0 against, 1 abstention.

B. ENG 366: ECCE: Story of Food – New U.S. Communities

ACTION: Tena Helton will work with this author on a revise and resubmit. Council would like a memo submitted defining what communities are involved and clarify them on the syllabus.

C. SOA 324: ECCE: Brazil in Movies – New Global Awareness

ACTION: There were 8 votes with 1 abstention that the readings in this course are too light and the final paper is too short. This course is not at a 300 level and it needs to integrate more research.

Heather Dell will work with instructor.

III. Recertification of Global Awareness Courses

A. GBL 331: ECCE: Cultural Geography

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to recertify GBL 331; Tena Helton seconded and the motion passed 9 for approval, 0 against, 0 abstention

B. ENG 481: ECCE: Memoirs across Cultures

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to recertify ENG 481; Pamela Salela seconded and the motion passed 9 for approval, 0 against, 0 abstention.

C. COM 477: ECCE: Global Media & Culture-China

ACTION: After discussion, some of the revisions the Committee is looking for are that the syllabus needs to identify more from an insider point of view; the learning outcomes need to reflect, relate to or engage with the Global Awareness rubric; and the research project needs to be clarified.

Kay McChesney will work with the instructor with a complete list of changes.

D. HIS 479A: ECCE: From Vikings to Hackers: A Pirate's World History

ACTION: Steve Schnebly motioned to recertify HIS 479. Pamela Salela seconded and the motion passed 9 to approve, 0 against, 0 abstention.

IV. Other Business

Heather Dell requested a vote to see if we wanted to change our meeting days back to Mondays or stay with Thursdays.

ACTION: The vote was 6 for changing to Monday, and 3 for leaving it on Thursday. The vote was passed to change the General Education Council meetings to Mondays at 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Deb Ply reminded the Council that there is a class meeting at 12:00 p.m. in PAC 493 on Mondays and that we will need to vacate the room.

Meeting adjourned 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply