

General Education Council
Minutes
February 23, 2015
PAC 493
10:00 am - 11:30 am

Present:

Elizabeth Kosmetatou

Kenneth Owen

Stephen Schnebly

Mark Wrighton

Heather Dell

Anibal Maximiliano Sanchez

Ronda Mitchell

Karen Moranski

Lucia Vazquez

Deb Ply

Absent:

Pamela Salela

- I. Approval of minutes from February 9, 2015 - There was one abstention on the approval of December 8, 2014. Ken Owen was not at that meeting.

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to approve the minutes of February 9, Ronda Mitchell seconded the motion and all were in favor.

- II. ECCE Speaker Series proposals/approvals report - Maria Elena Pablo Rivera-Beckstrom, ECCE Speaker Series Academic Program Coordinator

Maria Elena (Annelle) Pablo Rivera-Beckstrom addressed the Speaker Series report to GECO. She went over some of the events so far and what is proposed for spring. She talked a little about the proposal process in order to hold events for Speaker Series, although there are several organizations or individuals that do not send in proposals. Karen Moranski explained our relationship with pre-eminent scholars and organizations that have not previously been required to write proposals for their events. Some would not agree in doing so but they still present great events.

Karen is open to thoughts on how to approach these long standing organizations who have been with us since the beginning of Speaker Series. She doesn't want to come across as difficult as that would give us a bad reputation and prevent the ability to bring in new events.

Since the sub-committee is charged with reviewing these proposals to make sure they are within ECCE guidelines, they are reluctant to allow these organizations to hold events where students receive credit. Ken Owen said he could discuss this with Dr. Burlingame who has been presenting most years.

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So how do we manage the politics of pre-eminence? We could decide which events need a proposal and waive the proposal issue for those with a long standing relationship. Or we can send the speaker to the sub-committee to explain how their event falls within

ECCE standards. Heather asked Ken to discuss this with Richard Gilman-Opalsky before talking to Dr. Burlingame and Annelle will coordinate with the Council through Heather Dell.

Annelle went on to explain enrollment increased by 33% and we had a 40% increase from the Springfield community. A sign in sheet is passed around during events, but there is no efficient way to calculate participation from guests other than ECCE students.

Heather asked the Council if they feel comfortable to vote on this report as it will keep us compliant with the Open Meetings Act.

ACTION: The Spring 2015 Speaker Series Report was approved by consensus.

III. Approval of Courses

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

ACTION: Kicked back for a rubric or assignment prompt. Heather Dell will discuss this with Tena Helton.

- B. BIO 231: Applied Microbiology - Life Science without Lab - New course - 1st Reading

ACTION: This course needs the reading assignment not just lecture assignment. Deb will ask Tracy Schatteman to fill in page numbers or which books, editions, or chapters are being read. She will also ask if there is a prerequisite to this course and if anyone can take it.

- C. SOA 103: Introduction to Anthropology - Social and Behavioral Science - New course - 1st Reading

ACTION: This course needs page numbers. Heather Dell will ask for it.

IV. Notifications and approval of course changes

ACTION: Tabled until next meeting due to lack of time.

- A. SOA 231: ECCE: Introduction to Race & Ethnicity in the US - existing U.S. Communities course requesting a change in title. Currently called ECCE: Cultural Diversity in the US.

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- B. UNI 460: ECCE: Global Experience Seminar - Existing Engagement Experience and Global Awareness course requesting change in credit hours. Currently it is 4 to 12; requesting change to 3 to 12.
- C. WGS 322: ECCE: Gay and Lesbian Studies - change in description

Meeting adjourned 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ply