

General Education Council  
Minutes  
February 27, 2017  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Location: PAC 493

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

I. Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2017

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017, Ronda Mitchell seconded and the motion passed 9 for approval and 0 against.

II. Policy Issue – Petition Approval for Exceptions to UIS Gen Ed courses

There was an issue brought up to the committee to make a policy regarding UIS students who petition UIS department courses for Gen Ed credit without that course being proposed to the Gen Ed Council for approval in a particular category.

ACTION: Tabled for a later time in order for Committee Members to review it.

III. Approval of New Courses

A. CHE 124: General Chemistry for the Health Professions – New Physical Science with Lab

ACTION: Sent back for articulation of the research components and what the lab reports look like or show a form to explain the labs.

B. HIS 457: ECCE: Women and Gender in the U.S. South, 1607-1877 – New U.S. Communities

ACTION: Tabled due to incomplete posts until morning of meeting.

IV. Recertification of Global Awareness Courses – See the Global Awareness folder under Current Courses for Approval

1. HIS 375 – ECCE: Conflict in the Middle East

ACTION: Sent back with a request for a list of disciplines to be added to the syllabus and fix the typos on #4 of course objectives.

Kay McChesney motioned to approve recertification of HIS 375 with the above suggestions. Steve Schnebly seconded and the motion was approved 9 for recertification-0 against.

2. HIS 462 – ECCE: Conflict in Nineteenth-Century Europe

ACTION: Tena Helton motioned to approve this course for recertification and that there be included an increased focus on lived experience of individuals. Sherine Antoun seconded and it passed unanimously 9 for recertification, 0 against.

V. Foreign Language Proposal Questionnaire for the Departments - Draft

Discussion on draft of questionnaire and suggestions made on the writing of the questions.

ACTION: Sherine Antoun motioned to approve the Foreign Languages Proposal Questionnaire for Departments with the discussed changes. Ken Owen seconded and the motion passed with 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

VI. Agenda items tabled for next meeting:

A. HIS 457-Women and Gender in the U.S. South, 1607-1877 – New U.S. Communities

B. Approval of Courses to be Recertified

1. PSC 371 – ECCE: Introduction to Comparative Politics
2. CAP 352 – ECCE: Colonial & Post-Colonial Identity in South Asia

C. Update on courses sent back for revision:

1. THE 382: Theatre History – Eric Thibodeaux-Thompson (Heather Dell) to reduce level to 200.
2. ENG 366: Story of Food – Donna Bussell (Tena Helton)
3. SOA 324: Brazil in Movies – Jennifer Manthei (Heather Dell)
4. PSC 373 – Introduction to International Relations – Sibel Oktay (Ken Owen)
5. COM 477 – Global Media & Culture-China – Kathy Novak (Kay McChesney)
6. CHE 124-General Chemistry for the Health Professions – (Heather Dell)

Next Meeting March 27, 2017

Meeting adjourned 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply