

General Education Council
Minutes
March 23, 2015
PAC 493
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Ronda Mitchell

Visitors:

Peter Shapinsky
Marc Klingshirn

I. Language Proposal Update

Marc Klingshirn and Peter Shapinsky joined GEC to aid in the discussion to update the Council on what the standing is on modern languages at UIS. Gen Ed Council said they would take this on this year if the proposal was ready. The sub-committee on Modern Languages are considering several different options, one of which to make languages optional or a university requirement.

One thought was to begin with Capital Honors because we do not have a diverse language program. It would be good to begin with two or three more languages like Japanese and German instead of just Chinese and Spanish.

The global awareness credit for foreign languages was discussed. Karen Moranski explained what the HLC Quality Initiative is working on and that the project has involved the creation of a rubric for global awareness courses. They could use samples of work material for language to add to the rubric but it was not discussed what that would look like when it was brought up at the global awareness retreat. Karen will talk to Maxi about how the rubric might look and how to put it together. Karen also questioned where it fits in the curriculum and what population of students it should include.

Title 6 monies for study abroad students was mentioned. Even though a very small percentage of students do that, Federal money is a good incentive.

Since we do not have a proposal and discussion is being done, it was suggested to move on to the agenda.

ACTION: Heather Dell will join the discussion with the language committee and will begin working on a new proposal. When the language group is ready to share information we will post it on the Gen Ed website. CAP Scholars will take up the discussion of Foreign Languages.

II. Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2015

ACTION: Elizabeth Kosmetatou motioned to accept the minutes with the change on number II.D. regarding the Levels of Governance policy change for GEC. Instead of 6 years and 1 abstention, there were 6 years and 1 nay to allow the Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education approve credit hours and title changes for existing courses but have all course description changes come to the General Education Council for review. Ken Owen seconded the motion and all were in favor 6-0.

III. Approval of Course Description Changes

WGS 322: ECCE: Gay and Lesbian Studies – 2nd Reading – Syllabus attached

ACTION: Steve Schnebly motioned to approve the description change, Elizabeth Kosmetatou seconded and the motion was passed with 5 years and 1 abstention.

IV. Approval of New Courses

A. AAS 101: Critical Reading in African American Studies – Humanities – 2nd Reading - Addendum and Bibliography are attached.

ACTION: Steve Schnebly motioned to deny the approval of this course worrying about it being a 100 level, being too general, being underdeveloped and cannot map it to the Humanities course criteria among other things mentioned. Pamela Salela seconded the motion and it was unanimous to deny.

B. ENG 369: ECCE: Verbal Arts in the Community-re-certification to add Engagement Experience - 2nd Reading – Highlighted portion added to the Final Project Description

ACTION: Sent back to the instructor to make the engagement with the public more interactive and to include an evaluation form for feedback. Heather Dell will work with the instructor.

- C. SOA 103: Introduction to Anthropology – Social & Behavioral Science – 2nd Reading – Page numbers and annotations attached.

ACTION: Steve Schnebly motioned to approve, Pamela Salela seconded the motion and it passed with 5 yeas, 1 nay.

- D. AAS 333: ECCE: Apartheid and Resistance – New Global Awareness – 1st reading.

ACTION: Kicked back for more information. Elizabeth Kosmetatou will work with the instructor to fully develop the schedule detail, page numbers and assignments with rubrics, due dates and category outcomes.

- E. WGS 356: ECCE: Coffee, Chocolate & Justice- New Global Awareness 1st Reading

Since this is Heather Dell's course she will recuse herself from voting.

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to approve, Pamela Salela seconded the motion and it was passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

We ran out of time and will continue with the course approval list next meeting, April 13.

- F. COM 141: Sport/Media/Culture & College – New Freshman Seminar/Humanities – 1st Reading
- G. ENG 114: The Real Life Game of Thrones: The Wars of the Roses – New Freshman Seminar/Humanities – 1st reading
- H. BIO 481: Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab 1 – New Life Science with lab – 1st reading
- I. BIO 482: Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab 2 – New Life Science with lab – 1st reading
- J. WGS 403: ECCE: Women of Color & Minority Women – existing course requesting ECCE U.S. Communities attribute – 1st reading