

General Education Council
Minutes
March 24, 2014
PAC 493
10:00 – 11:30

Present:

Anibal Maximiliano Sanchez
Kenneth Owen
John Martin
Heather Dell
Steve Schnebly
Dorothy Hemmo
Mark Wrighton
Karen Moranski
Lucia Vazquez

Absent:

Samia Ahmad

I. Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2014

Ken Owen motioned to accept the minutes with changes made to number 2, Student Petitions, second paragraph. Change the first sentence to read: “After discussion it was decided we have insufficient information to know if the student has taken courses that meet the requirements for any ECCE category.” John Martin seconded the motion and all were in favor 6-0.

II. Approval of Courses

LES 445: ECCE: Women and Law: A Global Perspective -Global Awareness
1st Reading

John Martin wanted it on the record his concern that graduate level courses should be higher than Gen Ed. Since ECCE courses should be accessible to everyone, it was questioned whether graduate courses would be accessible as well. There was more debate whether this course should be a test case since Dr. Berman, our former Provost, requested graduate programs to be more involved in Gen Ed. It should be up to the curriculum committees but also should be addressed that teaching graduate students and ECCE at the same time might be lacking either in interdisciplinarity for undergraduates or core content in the discipline. There are other 400 level ECCE courses that are disciplinary specific. Maybe we should change the ECCE requirements to only 200 or 300 level courses. Karen Moranski, Heather Dell and Mark Wrighton will meet to

discuss this further. Deb is to pull all the 400 level ECCE courses and the number of graduate students that have enrolled in those courses in the last three years for their meeting.

It was determined that Council needs clarification of the amount of reading, and how the instructor will help students with the number of locations they will be reading about. They request integrating more interdisciplinary perspectives into the assignments and to use some measurable action words in the course outcomes.

ACTION: Ken Owen will work with the Instructor to revise and resubmit.

III. HLC Update

Karen explained that there will be only one ECCE Assessment Meeting with the faculty this semester for Global Awareness and U.S. Communities. It will be for all instructors who have taught these categories in the last two years. All Gen Ed Council members are encouraged to attend to help with group work and be there for discussion.

IV. GEC Co Report to Senate

Heather Dell announced that the Gen Ed Council Report to the Campus Senate is due again this spring. She asked if there was anything specific the Council would like to report this year. There were no suggestions.

V. Catalog

Karen brought up the subject of the new electronic catalog and course approval management system that the University of Illinois purchased for all three campuses. We will have the opportunity to customize it to our specific needs here at UIS.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply