

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

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

Absent: Ronda Mitchell

I. Announcement – Chair Transition

ACTION: The committee will think about their situation and whether or not someone could be Chair of Gen Ed Council in the fall of 2017; possibly the entire academic year of 2017-18. Their answer will be brought to the next Gen Ed Council meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2017

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to approve the minutes of February 27; Tena Helton seconded and the motion passed 7 for approval, 0 against.

III. Approval of Courses

A. Physical Science

1. CHE 124 General Chemistry for the Health Professions- New Physical Science – 2nd Reading; Lab Syllabus and e-mail attached.

ACTION: Sherine Antoun motioned to approve CHE 124 as a Physical Science Gen Ed, Pamela Salela seconded and the motion passed 8 for approval, 0 against.

B. U.S. Communities

1. ENG 366 ECCE Story of Food – 2nd Reading Revised & Resubmitted- New course

ACTION: Kicked back for more clarification i.e. how urban suburban addresses diversity

2. HIS 457 ECCE Women and Gender in the U.S. South, 1607-1877 – New course

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to approve HIS 457 as a U.S. Communities course, Pamela Salela seconded and the motion passed 8 for approval, 0 against.

3. HIS 454 ECCE History of the Family – Existing course requesting ECCE U.S. Communities attribute

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to approve HIS 454 as U.S. Communities; Sherine Antoun seconded and the motion passed 8 for approval, 0 against.

C. Global Awareness

1. PSC 371 – ECCE Introduction to Comparative Politics - Recertification

ACTION: The discussion concluded that the power inequities in this course are not a major theme. It is more of a straight political science course rather than an interdisciplinary one. Members questioned why there are no specific writings beyond the discussion board questions.

Sherine Antoun motioned to deny recertification of PSC 371 as Global Awareness, Kay McChesney seconded and the motion passed 7 for denial, 1 against.

2. COM 479 - ECCE Global Media and Communication- New Course

ACTION: Since there are significant changes needed for this course to meet the criteria of this category, Kay McChesney motioned to deny COM 479 as Global Awareness, Tena Helton seconded and the motion passed 8 for denial, 0 against.

3. ENS 476 – ECCE Environmental Ethics – Recertification

ACTION: This course was not seen as fitting the three learning outcomes of Global Awareness thus Steve Schnebly motioned to deny ENS 476 as Global Awareness, Sean Blackwell seconded. After more discussion, the motion passed 6 for denial, 1 against, 1 abstention.

4. CAP 352 - ECCE Colonial & Post-Colonial Identity in South Asia – Recertification

ACTION: This course was kicked back for a description of the assignments. Need secondary material and not just one novel. Ken Owen will work with instructor.

5. WGS 353 - ECCE Women Across Cultures – Recertification

Tabled for next meeting

6. WGS 356 - ECCE Coffee, Chocolate and Justice - Recertification

Tabled for next meeting

- IV. The policy issue or guideline regarding whether or not UIS courses should be used for non-transfer petitions for students wishing to meet a Gen Ed/ECCE requirement if the course has not been presented through the curriculum committee and General Education Council to become an approved Gen Ed/ECCE course. Ken Owen will write up a guideline to propose at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ply