

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

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

Absent: Pamela Salela, Marcel Yoder

I. Approval of Minutes – March 27, 2017

ACTION: III.C.1. PSC 371 – Revise action to read: “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.” Heather Dell will respond to instructor’s concerns about why this course was denied.

Ken Owen motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Sherine Antoun seconded and the motion passed 7 approved, 0 denied, 1 abstained.

II. Approval of Courses

A. Freshman Seminar

TEP 189: Athletics and the American University -new

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to approve TEP 189 as a Freshman Seminar; Ronda Mitchell seconded.

There was more discussion regarding the increasing number of staff teaching freshman seminars rather than core faculty or adjuncts. Heather Dell suggested we create a new metric to encourage and reward faculty to step in to teach more of these courses. It was reported that the Dean’s Council brought up that too few faculty are willing to teach freshman seminar. A new reward system and a second analysis is being done. In the near future we will absolutely need faculty to teach as staff will not be allowed to teach during the day. This will be an on-going discussion.

The motion carried 7 for approval, 0 denied, 1 abstention

B. Global Awareness

1. WGS 353: ECCE Women across Cultures – re-certification

ACTION: Sherine Antoun motioned to approve WGS 353 for recertification; Ronda Mitchell seconded and the motion passed 7 for approval, 0 denial, and 1 recusal

2. WGS 356: ECCE Coffee, Chocolate and Justice – re-certification

ACTION: Tena Helton motioned to approve WGS 356 for recertification, Kay McChesney seconded and the motion passed 7 for approval, 0 denial, and 1 recusal.

C. U. S. Communities

ENG 366: ECCE Story of Food

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to approve ENG 366 as a U.S. Communities, Tena Helton seconded and the motion passed 7 for approval, 0 denial, and 1 abstention

III. U.S. Communities Course Rubric Approval - first reading

ACTION: After discussion, it was decided:

- 1) Kay McChesney motioned to add religion/spirituality to the rubric. Sherine Antoun seconded and the motion passed 8 for approval, 0 denial
- 2) There will be continued discussion at the next meeting. Ken Owen was requested to put together a few lines about what the criteria means by community.

IV. Election of Chair to the General Education Council for Fall 2017

ACTION: Tena Helton accepted the General Education Council Chair position for the 2017-18 academic year. The vote was 7 for approval; 0 denial; and 1 recusal.

V. 2017 Foreign Language Proposal Questionnaire and Replies from Faculty

ACTION: This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ply