

General Education Council  
Minutes  
April 24, 2017  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Location: PAC 493

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

Absent: Sean Blackwell

I. Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2017

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to approve the minutes of April 10, 2017, Tena Helton seconded and the motion passed 6 for approval, 0 against, 1 abstention.

II. Courses sent back for Revise and Resubmit – Update

COM 477 Global Media & Culture-China – Kay McChesney

This course was not brought to the faculty member to revise and resubmit. It will be brought back for fall.

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to have the Chair send e-mails to the instructors explaining their courses will need revision and resubmission and inform them who the GEC Co member will be contacting them. Copies to be sent to that GEC Co member and the Secretary for tracking.

Tena Helton seconded and the motion passed 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstention.

III. Deadlines for Global Awareness and U. S. Communities Recertification

A proposal for which courses are to be recertified is as follows:

August 15, 2017 Global Awareness - active, older than 3 years  
All outstanding revise/resubmits and all initial submissions

December 1, 2017 U.S. Communities – active, older than 3 years  
All initial submissions

ACTION: After discussion, Ken Owen motioned that all ECCE: Global Awareness courses older than 3 years, not having gone through the recertification process, have their ECCE categorization automatically removed before the Spring 2018 semester. Regaining the ECCE status will require recertification approval from GEC Co. Tena Helton seconded and the motion passed 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstention.

There was a consensus that Global Awareness courses should be recertified every 3 years, and U. S. Communities courses should be recertified every 4 years. The deadlines were accepted for these courses with the exception of older than 4 years for U.S. Communities.

Deadlines for new courses-all categories – GEC information only

September 22, 2017 for spring, 2018  
February 23, 2018 for summer/fall 2018

IV. Approval of Courses

Global Awareness

A. CAP 352: ECCE: Colonial & Post-Colonial Identity in South Asia – Recertification  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to recertify CAP 352 as Global Awareness, Tena Helton seconded and the motion passed 8 for approval, 0 denial, 0 abstention

B. CSC 316: ECCE: Wired Perspectives – New

ACTION: After much discussion, Kay McChesney motioned to revise and resubmit CSC 316 based on this course not showing enough emphasis on cultural awareness. Members wanted a clearer articulation of the assignments. There was some concern that the readings were sparse. Steve Schnebly seconded and the motion passed 6 for revision, 2 against, 0 abstention.

C. PSC 373: ECCE: Introduction to International Relations –Recertification 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to deny recertification of PSC 373 based on the cultural awareness aspect of the course. Some members did not see an exploration of specific cultures clearly sustained in the readings. Tena Helton seconded and the motion passed 6 for denial, 2 against, 0 abstention.

The meeting ended without time to complete the agenda. An additional meeting was set for Monday, May 1, 2017 from 10:00 – 11:30.

V. U.S. Communities Course Rubric Approval – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

VI. 2017 Foreign Language Proposal Questionnaire and Replies from Faculty

Current Count: 5 Yes 10 No

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply