

General Education Council
Minutes
September 12, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location: BRK 413

Present: Sherine Antoun, Bob Blankenberger, Heather Dell, Pamela Salela, Ronda Mitchell, Carrie Switzer, Tena Helton, Steve Schnebly, Ken Owen, Kay McChesney, Deb Ply

I. The meeting began with introductions welcoming four new members.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. April 25, 2016

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to approve the minutes of April 25; Steve Schnebly seconded the motion and the four members that were here last year voted to approve.

B. April 28, 2016

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to approve the minutes of April 28; Ronda Mitchell seconded the motion striking the straw vote out of the minutes. The four members that were here last year voted to approve the minutes with the revision.

III. Approval of Student Petitions

A. HUM 211-Foreign Films– Arizona State for Global Awareness

Steve Schnebly motioned to deny this petition as there is not enough documentation to discuss it. Ronda Mitchell seconded and all were initially in favor of denial. It was then brought up that we should request more information from the student. We need a rationale, readings, assignments and list of films that were shown. The course expectations need to be very specific.

ACTION: Deb will request this information from the student.

B. Sound Ideas, Inc. Internship - for Engagement Experience credit

There was much discussion regarding the content of this experience and how it meets the criteria for Engagement Experience.

ACTION: Sherine Antoun will work with the student on how it satisfies the category. It was decided to table the discussion per further information.

IV. Discussion of Karen Moranski's suggested course assessment agreement

The Collaborative Research Faculty have been working on language to be used for the assessment section of the Global Awareness criteria. This is being used to comply with the Open Pathway requirement for HLC Accreditation.

Faculty who wish to use their courses for Global Awareness credit need to submit syllabi to a central repository to be assessed on how students are learning based on the learning outcomes that were re-written last year. A rubric will then be applied to the courses for scoring and collecting of data over a period of time. An agreement will be required from the faculty to submit their work product, then their courses will be blind reviewed by the Collaborate Research Faculty.

Heather Dell asked the General Education Council what they thought about it. It was asked what the consequences of not complying would be, and the answer was that they could lose their ECCE status. Since all courses could possibly be re-certified every three years, it was suggested to form a committee to work with faculty on this process. All faculty who wish to teach Global Awareness in fall 2017 must be in the first group to re-certify their syllabi.

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to accept the language along with adding it to the U.S. Communities criteria as well. Tena Helton seconded and the motion was carried 8 in favor; 0 against.

V. Approval of Courses

A. ENG 245: Early American Literature – Existing course requesting approval to add Humanities attribute. Change in level and credit hours to reflect lower division Gen Ed.

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to accept ENG 245 as a Humanities. Pamela Salela seconded the motion and it was approved 7 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstain.

B. ENG 246: American Literature 1865 to the Present – Existing course requesting approval to add Humanities attribute. Change in level and credit hours to reflect lower division Gen Ed.

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to accept ENG 246 as a Humanities. Ken Owen seconded the motion and it was approved 7 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstain. There was a suggestion for the instructor to emphasize information literacy by defining the kinds of sources needed for research papers.

VI. Other Business

Heather Dell will help Ali Nizamuddin with his PSC 452 Economic Analysis course.

Tena Helton will be attending the foreign language open forum on September 19 at 10:00 in UHB 1031.

VII. Next Meeting will be held on September 26 in PAC 493:

- A. Work begins on re-certifying existing Global Awareness courses and reviewing new courses.
- B. ENG 109: Introduction to Linguistics – New Social and Behavioral Science
- C. ENG 241: Early British Literature – New Humanities
- D. ENG 242: British Literature Since 1600 – New Humanities

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply