

General Education Council  
Minutes  
September 14, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Location: PAC 493

**Present:**

Heather Dell  
Kenneth Owen  
Kay McChesney  
Elizabeth Kosmetatou  
John Laubersheimer  
Ronda Mitchell  
Steve Schnebly  
Karen Moranski

**Absent:**

Anibal Maximiliano Sanchez  
Lucia Vazquez

I. Vote for Chair of the General Education Council for AY 2015-16

**ACTION:** Heather Dell was nominated for chair. A ballot was taken and the Council voted her as chair unanimously 7-0.

II. Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2015

One member asked if we could discuss having a balance between skills teaching and content teaching in freshman seminar courses. The Chair said we could add it to the discussion items when there is more time to devote to it.

A member also asked what the cap is in Freshman Seminar classes as some seem to be full whereas others have very little enrollment. Since there were not as many late admits (actually fewer than ever) this year; some sections are full with 20-25, STARS with 17-20, and 7 in another. It was requested to have a more even enrollment in FRS. Karen Moranski will be meeting with the Deans in order to get their projections for spring and fall FRS sections. It seems we may need to cut back to 300 seats.

**ACTION:** Ken Owen motioned to approve the minutes of April 27, 2015; Steve Schnebly seconded; 4 approved with 3 abstentions due to new members beginning this year.

III. General Education Council Annual Report AY 2014-15

A. Heather Dell explained the report in general and that it is on BOX for members to read.

B. A suggestion was made to add to the criteria that the Freshman Seminar syllabi are to be written to ensure instructors are teaching all the FRS criteria.

C. Heather talked about languages. Anibal Maximiliano Sanchez, Peter Shapinsky, John Martin, and Steve Schnebly have been working on the proposal. Two of these people are

no longer on Gen Ed but have continued to work on the proposal. When the proposal is ready Heather will bring it forward to the Council.

A survey was sent out to the faculty and of the 116 that responded, 72 faculty members were in favor of foreign languages. Heather notified Campus Senate that we are looking to add foreign languages to an existing category or expand the Gen Ed hours to allow for a language requirement.

Heather also met with the Foreign Language Working Group. Two years ago when Gen Ed made a commitment to bring this forward to the campus community, it was agreed to hold open forums to find out whether faculty are interested in having this category and how they feel it would best fit in. These forums would be run by GECO as well as the working group.

It is suggested to hold the first two open forums in fall 2015. The proposal would be drafted providing there is sufficient support after the first forum. If we go forward, we would hold the second two open forums in spring 2016 with the proposal to those interested including students, etc. Ultimately, a curricular decision will be made by Gen Ed Council then it would go to Undergraduate Council, then to Senate. Proposals will also be discussed with all four colleges. Heather will attend a Cap Scholars meeting.

After discussion, seven members were in favor of having the forums. Heather will put this subject back on the agenda.

#### IV. Approval of Description Changes

- A. TEP 450: Clinical Practice K-9 – See Engagement Experience folder – requesting description change – current and proposed course descriptions are attached

**ACTION:** John Laubersheimer motioned to accept the description change, Elizabeth Kosmetatou seconded the motion and all were in favor 7-0.

- B. TEP 451: Clinical Practice 6-12 - See Engagement Experience folder–requesting description change – current and proposed course descriptions are attached

**ACTION:** Ken Owen motioned to accept the description change, Ronda Mitchell seconded the motion and all were in favor 7-0.

- C. ASP 201: University Physics I – See Physical Science folder- requesting description change - current and proposed course descriptions are attached

**ACTION:** Kay McChesney motioned to accept the description change, John Laubersheimer seconded the motion and all were in favor 7-0.

V. Approval of Courses

- A. CSC 315: Robo Ethics – Revised for re-approval of an existing Global Awareness course- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**ACTION:** Since this syllabus is not consistent with the global awareness criteria, Steve Schnebly motioned to deny the course; Heather Dell seconded the motion.

There was discussion whether there would be room in other global awareness courses for spring to move students. Karen spoke to the Registrar to see if we can pull this course out for spring when it already has an attribute for Global Awareness and procedurally, they teach it out for spring. The Registrar said they can back date it to fall, 2015 so they can pull it in spring.

**The vote to deny this course was 7-0 unanimous.**

Due to lack of time the following courses are to be reviewed next meeting.

- B. MIS 323: ECCE: Social Health Care Informatics – new U.S. Communities  
C. HIS 347: ECCE: Native American History – new U.S. Communities

VI. Discussion Items

- A. Recap on Foreign Languages  
See e-mail posted on Current Meeting Materials  
B. Part Time, Full Time Ratios by Gen Ed Category  
C. Faculty Recognition and Awards  
D. Required Competencies in the Gen Ed Checklist. Should there be a pop up when more than one box is checked in CIM?

VII. Notices

BIO 306: Plants and Society – added Gen Ed attribute Life Science w/o lab. This is the same course as BIO 305 which is Gen Ed Council and IAI approved for Life Science with lab.