

General Education Council
Minutes
September 23, 2013
PAC 493
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Present

Karen Moranski
Tung Nguyen
Samia Ahmad
Anibal Maximiliano Sanchez
Steve Schnebly
Ken Owen
John Martin
Dorothy Hemmo
Mark Wrighton
Lucia Vazquez

Absent

Richard Gilman-Opalsky

I. Announcements

Deb Ply announced that we are making a change of file storage and sharing to BOX from e-DOCs. Because of this change there are some learning curves and problems associated with this change. Every time someone goes into the files, everyone gets a notification that this has been done. Deb mentioned to please just delete the notifications when they pop up. Members are always welcome to view but remember that files may be moved around for archiving and new ones added for preparation for the next Council meeting. If it is Friday before the meeting, please review the files for that meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. June 17, 2013

ACTION: Tung Nguyen motioned to approve the minutes of June 17 with some revisions of wording regarding Tung's concerns about missing pieces in the syllabus. The revised syllabus is posted on BOX.

John Martin seconded the motion and there were 5 yea's and 1 abstention. There were eight voting members at the meeting; but only five are present today; two have left council and one was

absent. We have two new voting members who were not members in the summer.

B. September 9, 2013

ACTION: John Martin motioned to approve the minutes of September 9 with changes made to page 3, Item VI, adding the following sentence. "The committee considered whether they would approve the course if the student was a domestic student and determined that they would."

Ken Owen seconded the motion and there were 5 yea's and 1 abstention. The revised minutes are posted on BOX.

III. Voting of New GEC Co Chair

The Council approved with 8 voting members, 7 of which are here today, that Karen Moranski will run this meeting. It was also determined that the Campus Senate Chair will look for an outside person to chair the Gen Ed Council meetings this year or until we get a permanent chair.

IV. Approval of New Courses

A. CRJ 224: ECCE: Campus Acquaintance Rape Education-Engagement Experience

One question arose if the instructor considered a deferred grade. Another suggestion was that as an Engagement Experience, the students should be engaged with the community during the course not just after. Possibly a project involving going out to the community could be added. The syllabus needs to be clear how a student's engagement is being evaluated.

ACTION: John Martin motioned to revise and resubmit, seconded by Tung Nguyen. All were in favor 7-0.

Karen Moranski will meet with Bev Rivera, Lynn Otterson and Elise LoBue in order to work out an engagement piece for the syllabus. Heather Dell will also be invited due to the possibility of cross-listing this course with WGS.

B. HIS 121: Jesus in History – Freshman Seminar

Several issues were brought up in discussion.

- calculating course grades in last week. Needs to be moved to before mid-term.
- suggestion to create standard assignments for academic integrity and course grade calculation.
- technological literacy
- explicit note taking skills
- balance skills and content for a freshman seminar course.
- suggest to instructor and acknowledge in communication that we know he will be going through training.
- mention to instructor that he should be aware of expectations students may bring when reading the title.
- talk about low cost options if students cannot afford textbooks.

ACTION: Tung Nguyen motioned to table this course and bring the specific suggestions to the Instructor. Revise and bring back. John Martin seconded the motion.
6 yeas, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions.

A question was brought up about what the supply vs. demand is for freshman seminar courses. Karen stated that she needs to send out another call for proposals. She explained which instructors left and which courses have been withdrawn. There are a couple more proposals in the works for GEC approval, hoping to come to us in the next month.

C. PSC 242: Statistics for Social Sciences (Math Stats)

There is a new version of the syllabus but we ran out of time to review it. It will be on the next agenda. The instructor added pre-requisitions and other elements we talked about this summer. This course needs

a final decision if it will go forward for spring, so a vote next time will be crucial.

ACTION: PSC 242 will be added to the agenda for September 30. Steve Schnebly will give feedback on how this course has changed.

V. 3rd Member for Speaker Series Committee and Open Meetings Act

ACTION: Ken Owen has accepted being the 3rd member of the sub-committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply