

General Education Council
Minutes

October 24, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location: PAC 493

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

Absent: Steve Schnebly, Emily Hartney

I. Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2016

ACTION: Sherine Antoun moved to approve the minutes with a minor correction in the attendance line. Ken Owen seconded the motion and it was approved 4 in favor, 0 against, and 2 abstentions.

II. Discussion on Foreign Languages Forums

The Council discussed various thoughts based on some of the ideas that came out of the forum, and some thoughts from GEC members.

ACTION: It was decided that Bob Blankenberger will put together some bullet points of several options for a vote at the next Gen Ed Council meeting. Deb Ply will load them on to BOX. The ones that are approved will go to the departments for their response.

Since we were pressed for time, Ken Owen motioned to put the approval of new courses ahead of the Global Awareness discussion, Kay McChesney seconded and it was approved by 5 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

III. Approval of courses

A. CSC 315: ECCE: RoboEthics Revised and Resubmitted – Global Awareness

Sherine Antoun explained the changes that were made in the assignments. There was much discussion whether or not this course has enough cultural awareness to be considered an ECCE Global Awareness course.

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to approve CSC 315 as Global Awareness. Tena Helton seconded the motion. There was more discussion and decided that cultural awareness is still not shown in the syllabus.

The final vote was 2 in favor, 4 opposed. CSC 315 was denied as Global Awareness.

B. PSC 452: ECCE: Economic Analysis – Global Awareness – 2nd reading

ACTION: It was decided to send it back for a revise and resubmit as it needs more information in the assignments and readings. Ronda Mitchell will work with the instructor.

IV. Global Awareness Faculty Workshop Review: What next?

ACTION: Heather Dell stated she needs help working with people on their Global Awareness courses as she is putting in a lot of hours. GEC Co members agreed to help. The rest of this topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

A. Cultural Awareness: need for inside point of view and case studies

B. Assignment prompts that clearly connect to Global Awareness outcomes

C. What next? Who needs help?

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31.

Respectively submitted,

Deb Ply