

General Education Council  
Minutes  
October 28, 2013  
PAC 493  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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Present:

Samia Ahmad  
Anibal Maximiliano Sanchez  
Richard Gilman-Opalsky  
Steve Schnebly  
Heather Dell  
Dorothy Hemmo  
Ken Owen  
John Martin  
Mark Wrighton  
Karen Moranski  
Lucia Vazquez

I. Vote on Chair

Karen Moranski began the meeting as chair. Steve Schnebly nominated Heather Dell to be the new Chair of the General Education Council for AY 2013-14. There were no other nominations and Richard Gilman-Opalsky motioned to close the nomination.

Karen Moranski collected a paper ballot from each member present and counted the majority of votes for Heather Dell.

II. Approval of Minutes for September 30, 2013

It was decided the minutes need to be amended to strike withdrawn on HIS 121 as it is a revise and resubmit.

There was a consensus to approve the minutes with the strike.

III. Approval of Courses

- A. CRJ 224: ECCE: Campus Acquaintance Rape Education –  
Engagement Experience -2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

ACTION: Consult Elise LoBue and Lynn Otterson regarding the structure of the service learning. Richard Gilman-Opalsky will take the syllabus back to Elise. The consensus was to bring it back to the Council for a vote.

- B. WGS 434: ECCE: Women and Work - U.S. Communities  
-1<sup>st</sup> Reading

ACTION: The syllabus needs to identify more disciplines and what they will bring to the discussion. The consensus is that it meets the criteria of U.S. Communities and is approved. Heather Dell will make the changes and will come up with a 50 word version of the description for Banner. The committee agreed that Karen Moranski will review the changes and then send it to the catalog.

IV. ECCE Assessment Plans

Karen Moranski spoke about the HLC workshop she attended with the Provost and three other faculty members on the committee. They worked on an assessment plan with the HLC Assessment Academy. There is accountability there because we are also a part of the Academy. We are to do the quality initiative as part of the Open Pathway.

We were told that we are where we should be with assessment and program review, but need work on Gen Ed/ECCE. We have three years to do a project, but cannot assess all of Gen Ed in three years. It was discussed how we can narrow down the project. Some tentative thoughts were to narrow down ECCE as it crosses multiple departments. We opted to propose to narrow it further to U.S. Communities and Global Awareness. The Academy was very complimentary to that choice. We have good baccalaureate outcomes and we are ready to move toward getting feedback from Gen Ed Council (GECc), Committee on Assessment for Student Learning (CASL), Undergraduate Council (UGC) and the Senate Executive Committee (SEC).

GECO has a good opportunity to shape this proposal. It was stressed that the draft proposal needs GECO feedback and there will be a formal invitation to participate in the discussion.

HLC committees are limited to 12 members. There are faculty members from three of the four colleges; we are still looking for a faculty member from CPA&A. There will also be sub-teams to work on the individual categories. It was asked who is doing the actual work and how do we get faculty involved? Will the teams meet on a weekend or three days in the summer? We will also need to figure out compensation and find a way to make it meaningful to their careers, e.g. tie it into a publication about scholarship in teaching, or will it help get faculty promoted or tenured?

The work GECO had been doing is making it possible to receive feedback from the faculty of what they expect GECO to be doing, and for GECO to actively bring their knowledge back to the faculty by making categories more transparent or providing more education to the faculty. It shapes what we do and a powerful voice back to us.

**ACTION: Karen will take suggestions from the committee regarding the roles we want to play. It will be important to collect current syllabi, assignments and rubrics.**

Richard Gilman-Opalsky motioned to adjourn, John Martin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply