

General Education Council
Minutes
November 14, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location: PAC 493

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

Visitors: Assistant Prof Yanhui Guo, Associate Prof Chung-Wei Lee, and Associate Prof Sviatoslav Braynov from the Computer Science Department

I. Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2016

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to approve the minutes, Tena Helton seconded the motion and it was passed 6 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

II. PSC 452: ECCE: Economic Analysis – 3rd Reading-Global Awareness.

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to approve PSC 452, Steve Schnebly seconded the motion and it was passed 6 in favor, 2 against.

III. SOA 367: ECCE: Arts and Identity in Pacific Island Cultures – Global Awareness Re-certification.

ACTION: Tena Helton motioned to re-certify SOA 367; Pamela Salela seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously 8 in favor, 0 against.

IV. Fall 2017 Global Awareness Course Faculty Assignments

There was discussion about the resistance of incorporating various aspects of the global awareness learning outcomes into existing syllabi. Departments tend to carry more of their own discipline than the cultural awareness aspect within their courses. We are looking at ways to bridge that division so they can add enough cultural awareness to their syllabi and still have enough content for their major.

ACTION: At the next meeting, review courses that are close to having the current learning outcomes included in the syllabi and are being offered fall 2017.

V. Foreign Language Bullet Points on hold for next meeting.

VI. Discussion on meeting the technology and information literacy needs of the UIS undergraduate student's cohort.

Sherine Antoun and three visiting colleagues from the Computer Science Department discussed the need for information literacy taught at the general education level.

GECO members explained where and how information literacy is already being addressed in general education especially within composition and freshman seminar. The discussion continued to include the awareness of the need and how crucial it is to student's overall life-long learning.

Tena Helton motioned to extend the meeting time to continue the discussion. Sean Blackwell seconded the motion and the consensus was to extend the meeting 10 minutes.

Time ran out but the committee will continue the discussion at a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply