

Minutes
General Education Council
December 8, 2014
PAC 493
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Present:

Anibal Maximiliano Sanchez
Steve Schnebly
Pamela Salela
Heather Dell
Ronda Mitchell
Lucia Vazquez
Mark Wrighton
Karen Moranski

Absent:

Kenneth Owen

1. Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2014
Steve Schnebly motioned to approve the minutes of November 10 and seconded by Pamela Salela. All in favor 5-0
2. Courses for Approval
 - A. BIO 201: Basics of Human Anatomy and Physiology I – 2nd reading-Life Science with Lab

Gen Ed Council needs to assess reading levels on all Gen Ed courses. Since the page numbers were not originally in the syllabus it was not clear as to how many readings this course had. The instructor has revised the syllabus to include the readings and page numbers and chapters.

Steve Schnebly motioned to approve this course and the Committee approved by consensus.
 - B. BIO 202: Basics of Human Anatomy and Physiology II – 2nd reading-Life Science with Lab

The concerns of this course were the same as BIO 201. The syllabus has been revised and approved by consensus of the Gen Ed Council.

Steve Schnebly was concerned about the cost of the books for these courses being over \$200 each. He would like to encourage that someone let students know there is an electronic version of it. There was a concern that students do not learn as well with e-versions of text books due to low retention. There may also be rentals in the book store.

Karen and Heather will meet regarding the options of where to get books and how to get creative options to get textbooks. Karen had gone to the COPE-L retreat regarding this issue. They will bring their findings back to GEC.

C. CSC 315: ECCE: RoboEthics – Global Awareness

This course was first approved in 2010 and at the time there was concern this course was not global enough. There was also concern that this course was not open to everyone except just to computer science majors. We required them to open it up to all majors and we asked that the course be recertified.

ACTION: Kicked back to allow instructor to make RoboEthics mesh more closely with cultural content.– Steve and Heather will talk with Mary Sheila Tracy regarding meeting the Global Awareness criteria.

3. Global Awareness Retreat.

Anibal Maximiliano Sanchez, Steve Schnebly, Pamela Salela and Heather Dell were at the retreat and they took a couple of minutes to explain what they took back with them.

4. Tabled until January.

Notifications: Changes in description. (What are considered substantive or non-substantive changes?)

Examples posted on Current Meeting Materials in BOX
CAP 141
CAP 361
CAP 371

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ply