

# General Education Council

## January 24, 2011

### Minutes

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**Present:**

Harshavardhan Bapat  
Donna Bussell  
Heather Dell  
Jay Gilliam  
Richard Gilman-Opalsky  
John Martin  
Karen Moranski  
Donald Morris  
Tung Nguyen  
Peter Shapinsky  
Natalie Tagge  
Pinky Wassenberg

**Absent:**

Justin Keenan

1. Review of minutes of November 8, 2010.

John Martin motioned to approve the minutes with a punctuation correction. Peter Shapinsky seconded the motion and all were in favor.

2. Courses for Approval

a. LIS 442: ECCE: International Women Writers – New Global Awareness

**Action:** Sending back for explicit clarification in terms of geography, historical coverage and themes in both learning outcomes and class schedule. Donna Bussell will speak to Rosina Neginsky.

b. SOA 441: ECCE: Social Stratification – change from ECCE Elective to U.S. Communities

**Action:** Based on the criteria this course could fit in either a U.S. Communities or a Global Awareness category. If it is decided to become

a U.S. Communities category, a link to particular communities should be included in the syllabus. Jay Gilliam will work with Shoon Lio to help him tweak the course description and course calendar to specific U.S. Communities.

- c. WGS 321: Gay & Lesbian Studies- Gen Ed Social & Behavioral Science  
Old Number: WGS 232  
Old Title: ECCE: US Sexual Minorities  
Old Attribute: U.S. Communities

It was suggested to have two different versions of this course. One upper division in the minor aimed specifically to students who have predisposed knowledge of the subject and one lower division aimed at the sophomore level or to a wider audience who have no background in this subject. A 300 level lower division course is not accepted.

**Action:** The Council sees this as a remarkably valuable course that we would like to keep in ECCE or see offered in the minor.

### 3. Transfer courses for approval

- a. Social Science 280 from Richland Community College to count for global awareness.

**Action:** We did not receive the student's learning outcome description so will table until next meeting providing we receive the justification.

- b. Non Western Religions course from Lincoln Christian College to count for global awareness.

**Action:** All ECCE courses must "present perspectives and value systems that extend beyond the usual value systems of most students." Petition is denied.

4. For Your Information: Memo to make Freshman Seminar a requirement

Karen spoke regarding making Freshman Seminar a requirement. If the proposal is accepted through the governance committee, we need to make sure all incoming freshmen with the requisite number of hours take this course.

Since UNI 101 is not required the students end up paying for a course that doesn't count toward general education. Make it explicit that this new course is required.

In forwarding material to Campus Senate this semester, do not send a separate memo saying that it is required but include it with the proposal. Work with Undergraduate Council and incorporate it as a statement to get passed with the stipulation that students must get a passing grade before proceeding. What that grade is to be determined.

**Action:** Karen will send to Gen Ed Council members the staffing model developed with the deans.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply