

General Education Council
Minutes
February 8, 2010
PAC 493

Present:

Lan Dong
Richard Gilman-Opalsky
John Martin
Karen Moranski
Donald Morris
Tung Nguyen
Beverly Rivera
Peter Shapinsky
Pinky Wassenberg

Absent:

Waheedah Bilal
Terry Bodenhorn
Martin Martsch

I. Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2010

With several minor changes in wording, Richard Gilman-Opalsky moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2010. John Martin seconded the motion, all approved.

II. Approval of courses

A. ENS 311: ECCE: Global Change in Local Places – Global Awareness, fall, 2010
Approved

B. ENS 404: ECCE: Fundamentals of Geographic Information System (GIS) – U.S. Communities and ECCE Elective – fall, 2010

This course is being kicked back to the instructor to explain how U.S. Communities fit in with this course.

III. Further Discussion of ECCE Electives.

A. Comparative Societies

The Committee reviewed a list of suggestions that have been considered by instructors of Comparative Societies courses and Gen Ed Council regarding changes in the Gen Ed Curriculum.

Listed are rationales and challenges regarding the proposed requirement of using only one comparative societies course for students entering UIS as freshmen. The extra three hours gained from the second comparative societies course now required would be used for a freshman seminar replacing UNI 101. The proposed freshman seminar could begin in Fall, 2011.

During the discussion today, there were many more suggestions to add to this list. A new proposal will be written and attached to these minutes.

B. ECCE Electives

The proposal also listed suggestions by faculty and Gen Ed Council regarding the possibility of removing the ECCE Elective from the ECCE Curriculum which would reduce the number of hours in Gen Ed from 13 to 10.

There was more discussion and suggestions on how to change the curriculum with minimal negative impact to the campus community.

When the proposal is finished it will be taken to Dean's Council, talked about with the Executive or Curriculum Committees within the colleges, and then sent to faculty. If there are no serious objections, we could move forward with a resolution on 34-15.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply