

**General Education Council**  
**February 22, 2010**  
**PAC 493**  
**Minutes**

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**Present**

Lan Dong  
John Martin  
Richard Gilman-Opalsky  
Tung Nguyen  
Don Morris  
Pinky Wassenberg  
Terry Bodenhorn  
Bev Rivera  
Karen Moranski  
Peter Shapinsky

**Absent**

Waheedah Bilal  
Martin Martsch

- I. Approval of Minutes from the February 8, 2010 meeting.  
Peter Shapinsky motioned to accept the minutes with a few minor changes in wording. Lan Dong seconded the motion and all were in favor.

II. Approval of courses

**EXL 202: ECCE: Service-Learning Immersion**                      Engagement Experience or ECCE Elective

This course was originally set in Los Angeles. It was put together by a faculty member who is no longer here. Kathy Guthrie changed the course to Learning & Serving in Orlando so she could continue offering it. They would like to make it a more generic ECCE course to be done in any city. Since the syllabus has changed over the years, it is worth looking at again.

This course meets the Engagement Experience well, but the instructor needs to clarify, on the Discovery of Knowledge portion of the checklist, how the course meets the category or else to not check every box on the list. This course has been approved with the new checklist to come.

**SOA 432: ECCE: Culture and Education**                      U. S. Communities  
Approved

III. Math Criteria

We are moving toward more clarity on the math stats and skills criteria. Tung, Pinky, John and Karen have met and made suggestions for Council consideration.

We want students to take two different types of math courses, stats and skills. Both criteria now have language that say math courses “are generally taught by the Math Department, but other departments may seek approval for coursework under this category”. Approval must come from the General Education Council.

#### IV. Syllabus Viewing Suggestion

Some faculty members are concerned that courses being submitted are either duplicates or overlap in content, i.e. Do we need five courses on women and societies? Some would like to see the syllabi posted for faculty perusal. In a way we are not as transparent as we could be about the Gen Ed approval process. Part of the reason for that is that Council reviews syllabi from the criteria point of view rather than from any other faculty member on campus.

Syllabi are the intellectual property of individual faculty members and cannot then be publicly displayed. Posting syllabi, particularly in a draft state, would be in violation of Resolution 32-20; Resolution Regarding Copyright and the Fair Use of Intellectual Property.

We could instead post the agendas for each General Education Council Meeting which would take care of the transparency issue.

Steps to follow:

1. Receive a proposal,
2. Publish Agenda  
Gives faculty information as to when their course is coming up for approval. There may be open/closed sessions of Gen Ed Council to allow faculty to come when their course is being submitted.
3. Have some kind of stage where we indicate courses have been received.  
There could be lists for courses received; under review; in revision; and approved.
4. Post the status of courses on the General Education website. Deb & Karen will work on it.

The Council approved posting the agenda.

The next meeting will be held on March 8, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Ply