

General Education Council
Minutes
March 2, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
PAC 4E

Present:

Terry Bodenhorn
Heather Dell
Lan Dong
Richard Gilman-Opalsky
Martin Martsch
John Martin
Karen Moranski
Laurel Newman
Beverly Rivera
Peter Shapinsky
Pinky Wassenberg

Absent:

Waheedah Bilal
Whitney Kampwerth

I. Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2009 meeting.

Bev Rivera motioned to approve the minutes with the exception of clarifying point #5 and bring back to Council next meeting. Laurel Newman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

II. Agenda Setting Process

Heather Dell brought examples of several courses and an e-mail string from a faculty member to request that Council define her role as Chair. Do they want her, along with Karen Moranski to review courses and if they think the courses will not pass in Council, to send them back to the faculty for revision or bring them to the table for review?

Some faculty members outside of GeCo have expressed concern that the entire committee was not reviewing the courses. The faculty is also unclear as to the language on the U.S. Communities Criteria. The Council is not rejecting these classes but faculty need to articulate what communities are addressed in their syllabi; however the U.S. Communities Criteria could use further clarification.

1. A suggestion was made to have training on campus to help faculty understand what required out of a category.
2. The Chair is to bring problematic courses back to faculty members. The Council is in the process of reevaluating our forms.
3. The Council decided to clarify some of the course categories and to revisit methods of selection.

III. Approval of Courses

- A. AAS 362: ECCE: Multicultural American Novels – New Course
Approved with suggested changes in clarifying interdisciplinary for students
- B. CRJ 346: ECCE: International Criminal Justice Systems – Add ECCE
Approved
- C. LIS/ENG 360: ECCE Verbal Arts in the Community – New Course
Tabled for more time
- D. CPL/AST 305: ECCE: Prior Learning Portfolio Development – Add ECCE
Tabled for more time

IV. Student Petitions

- A. Adam Coe – Approved
Requesting to use SOA 300, Women, Gender and Society taken at SIU-Edwardsville in fall 2007 to count as ECCE: US Communities.
- B. Blaine Howell – Denied because of it being a 100 level.
Requesting to use either POLT 1080 Introduction to Comparative Politics or POLT 1050 Introduction to International Relations from Webster University be counted toward fulfilling UIS/ECCE Global Awareness requirement.

These are the equivalent of 100-level courses. ECCE courses are 200-400 level; therefore these courses cannot be used towards ECCE.

V. Speaker Series Approval Process – Tabled for Time

VI. Approval Process for Retreat Materials – Tabled for Time

VII. Comparative Societies as a Model – Rewrite – Tabled for Time

It was decided to stop accepting new ECCE courses in order to finish approving what is on the docket.

Next Meeting set for March 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in PAC 4E. The majority decided to begin one hour earlier to make up for Spring Break.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply