

General Education Council
March 8, 2010
PAC 493
Minutes

Present:

Terry Bodenhorn
Richard Gilman-Opalsky
John Martin
Karen Moranski
Bev Rivera
Peter Shapinsky
Pinky Wassenberg

Absent:

Waheedah Bilal
Lan Dong
Martin Martsch
Don Morris
Tung Nguyen

Guest: Quiana Boateng – Undergraduate Academic Advisor

- I. Approval of Minutes from the February 22, 2010 meeting.
John Martin motioned to approve the minutes. Richard Gilman-Opalsky seconded the motion.
- II. Proposal to grant ECCE or General Education credit for Foreign Language Study
A draft by Peter Shapinsky

Karen Moranski gave some back ground history on the foreign language study at UIS which is also summarized on the proposal attached to these minutes. Peter read off the highlights of the proposal and the decision made is as follows:

Karen Moranski will talk to Lori Giordano and Denny Frueh to see if Admissions has thoughts on using the language courses as 200, 300, or 400 level Gen Ed. She would like to bring Mayra Bonet in to discuss developing a language minor and using it to complete the Engagement Experience. Internships focusing on studies such as criminal justice could incorporate languages to make them more appealing to students as they are more useful in the workplace. She will invite Mayra to the next Gen Ed Council meeting.

For a time frame on how fast we can get this done, we have a year's grace because we need to supply honors with languages for another year. It would probably be fall 2011 for the reduction of languages offered. We would need time to get the changes into the catalog. Changes to the catalog only need to pass Gen Ed Council and not Campus Senate.

- III. Further Discussion on ECCE Electives
See Item # IV.

IV. Update on Math Discussion

Gen Ed Council is in the process of approving a different set of math criteria at the same time as having discussions about the ECCE electives. It was thought there should either be separate meetings regarding the electives, or making sure all Council members are aware there will be decisions made regarding the electives in order to make more of them come to the meetings to give feedback. There seems to be many council members missing lately.

If we scheduled a separate meeting, should we do math criteria separately or roll all the issues into one? It was thought that the math would be a more narrow discussion, so the suggestion was to use 30-45 minutes of our regular meeting and to invite separate people for this discussion.

V. Changes to Resolution 34-15

Karen read the proposed changes to the resolution. (see attached)

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ply