

General Education Council
Minutes
March 30, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
PAC 4E

Present:

Terry Bodenhorn
Heather Dell
Lan Dong
Richard Gilman-Opalsky
John Martin
Karen Moranski
Peter Shapinsky
Bev Rivera

Absent:

Waheedah Bilal
Whitney Kampwerth
Martin Martsch – sends regrets
Laurel Newman – sends regrets
Pinky Wassenberg – sends regrets

- I. Approval of Minutes
February 16, 2009 – Corrected
March 2, 2009

Richard Gilman-Opalsky motioned to accept the minutes of February 16 making a small change in wording in the first paragraph of point V. with no need to bring back to council. And approval of the March 2 minutes with the exception of making changes to the language in item II to bring back to council.

Peter Shapinsky seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- II. Approval of Courses

CPL/AST 305: ECCE: Prior Learning Portfolio Development –Approved - Engagement Experience and Elective
MPH 441: ECCE: Human Well-Being (revised) - Denied
LIS 460: ECCE: Water: An American Perspective- Denied
LIS/ENG 360: ECCE: Verbal Arts in the Community-Approved – Engagement Experience
CSC 409: ECCE: Online Ed: Tools & Global Impact-Kicked back for clarification
ASP 101: Solar Systems and Planets-Approved-Physical Science
MPH 301: ECCE: Global Environmental Health –Approved –Global Awareness

- III. Truth in Advertising: Course Titles in Gen Ed

The question was raised about whether or not Geco should be more proactive in requesting that courses have titles that reflect their geographic limitations and (often Western) perspectives. (e.g. should a history of music class be titled History of European Music)? After discussion, Geco members concurred that faculty should not be asked to change course titles.

IV. Comparative Societies

Council began a discussion regarding the revision of the Comparative Societies Criteria for the purpose of clarifying the language for faculty understanding. This discussion will continue at the April 13th meeting. The same will be discussed regarding U.S. Communities and Global Awareness in future meetings.

The next General Education Council Meeting will be held on April 13, 2009 at 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in PAC 4E.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply