

General Education Council
April 26, 2010
PAC 493
MINUTES

Present:

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

Absent:

Waheedah Bilal
Martin Martsch
Pinky Wassenberg

- I. Language Development – Mayra Bonet
Guest speaker

Dr. Bonet spoke briefly about Standards for Foreign Language Learning and how they could be adapted into the General Education Curriculum. Karen explained that plans were moving forward to integrate Language and Gen Ed.

- II. Cake and thank you gifts were handed out to Bev Rivera for Acting Chair this spring and to all the committee members for their service to General Education.

- III. Approval of Minutes from the March 22, 2010 meeting.
Change wording on page two regarding what to post on website. John Martin motioned to accept the minutes with changes; Peter Shapinsky seconded the motion. Consensus was to approve.

- IV. Gen Ed changes approval process

Regarding the approval process for the recent changes in General Education, it was decided to send a campus announcement outlining the draft proposal and indicate that people can give feedback to members of the Gen Ed Council. Department Chairs will also be sent information about the proposal. Karen Moranski will send a draft announcement to Council before sending it to the campus community. She will also send separate communications to the Department Chairs regarding impact on students and programs, among other items.

It was also decided to have a deadline of May 24 which is the Monday after grades are due. This will give the Departments and faculty more time to collect their thoughts.

V. Approval of Courses

A. HIS 119: Gods & Heroes of Early Europe – Comparative Societies

This course was taught as HIS 160 comparative societies topics course last fall. This course is now coming forward for approval with its own number.

There is concern about offering topics courses that would not meet criteria. This course was taught without approval by Gen Ed Council for comparative societies (due to being a topics course).

Peter Shapinsky motioned to approve with clarification of learning outcomes; John Martin seconded. The majority ruled to approve.

B. HIS 414/ENG 330: ECCE: Cleopatra's Egypt – Global Awareness

This course has not been taught in History, but as a topics course in English (grandfathered under an agreement with Registrar and English Dept where all syllabi need not be approved.) It was decided to wait until fall, 2010 for review.

Respectfully submitted,

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