

General Education Council
Minutes
September 15, 2008

Present:	Lan Dong	Absent:	Margot Duley
	Peter Shapinsky		Beverly Rivera (on sabbatical)
	Terry Bodenhorn		Richard Gilman-Opalsky (sends regrets)
	Martin Martsch		
	Waheedah Bilal		
	John Martin		
	Heather Dell		
	Karen Moranski		
	Pinky Wassenberg		
	Laurel Newman		

Current Business:

1. Welcome to new members
Karen gave out rubber Geckos as the Council's mascot as each member introduced him/her self.
2. Election of Chair
Nominations: Heather Dell by Peter Shapinsky
2nd motion by John Martin
Motion for acclamation by Peter Shapinsky
2nd motion by John Martin
The Council unanimously voted Heather Dell as Chair

Heather stated she preferred someone else attend the Staff Implementation Meeting on behalf of GEC to leave room to chair this meeting. It was decided to table this decision until next meeting.
3. Review process for 2005-06 approved lower division Gen Ed courses

Karen will put together a list of approved courses. We will separate the courses by category and then divide up the categories among possible teams of two for initial read. We will need new syllabi from faculty to finish the review process.
4. Approval of new course approval criteria for written communication

Eng 275 came to us last spring. We could not approve it then because we did not have the criteria for approval. Karen forwarded to Bill Carpenter and Debbie Parker a request to help revise the course approval criteria. This revision would make it possible for GEC to approve courses other than ENG 101 & 102 in this category. This may also help those students that dropped honors and moved to Gen Ed. Debbie is on it and Karen expects to hear from Bill soon. We should have course approval criteria by the next meeting.

Laurel Newman asked if we can think about how the revised approval criteria could apply to out of state transfer courses beyond 101,102. If a course has an IAI equivalent in their state and we don't accept it, students would have to re-take the class. It mostly affects oral communication rather than written, but we've lost students over it.

Karen needs help in rewriting math criteria. John Martin will help from the science end and Pinky Wassenberg will help from the social sciences.

5. Courses to approve

Art 262 – Approved with suggestions.

- The syllabus is to be corrected regarding whether 2 or 3 classes are allowed to be missed.
- Class objectives could be made clearer.
- Shared concerns on how diversity is addressed (at end of course rather than integrated throughout).
- When Heather has her discussion with Jonathan Perkins, she will give the Council an update as to where Jonathan sees his class going.

Pos 231 – Approved with suggestions.

- Approval is dependent on learning outcomes. Karen will work with Richard Gilman-Opalsky on learning outcomes.
- Heather will request this course to become a 300 level ECCE course.

We ran out of time. It was decided to table approval of PSY 467 and ENG 275. Karen suggests going over Baccalaureate levels at the next meeting.

To consider for future meetings

1. Policy about double dipping between ECCE and departments
2. Baccalaureate levels discussion.
3. Report on discussions regarding course descriptions and effective dates
4. Integration in freshman year ad role of comparative societies courses
5. Report on outcomes mapping project
6. General discussion of Gen Ed categories

Next Meeting – September 29, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in PAC 4E

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply