

General Education Council
Minutes
January 23, 2012
PAC 493

Present:

Heather Dell
Donna Bussell
Peter Shapinsky
Richard Gilman-Opalsky
Steve Schnebly
John Martin
Harshavardhan Bapat
Pinky Wassenberg
Tung Nguyen
Karen Moranski

Absent:

Amanda Binder
Donald Morris
Erin Lesko

I. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2011

With the correction of a few grammatical errors, Donna Bussell motioned to approve the minutes of December 12.

II. Freshman Seminar Sign-Up Sheet

Heather Dell passed around a sign-up sheet for GEC members to choose a Freshman Seminar workshop they would be willing to help with.

A concern was brought up that instead of lecture, members would be more willing to help if the workshop was more interactive. Heather assured them it was.

III. Approval of New Courses

A. Physical Science

CLS 315/CLS 316: Introduction to Forensic Science
Reducing level from 300 to 100 and changing the course number to CLS 131/CLS 132

ACTION: Approved by consensus.

B. Engagement Experience

UNI 205 – Revised

ACTION: Approved by consensus.

C. U.S. Communities

1. WGS 365/AAS 335 ECCE: Black Women in Film History 2nd version
ACTION: Approved by consensus.
2. AAS 239 ECCE: Black Music in American Culture – New
ACTION: Approved by consensus.
3. PSC 435: ECCE: American Political Thought – existing course adding ECCE
ACTION: Sent back to the instructor to clarify how communities are defined. Richard Gilman-Opalsky will work with the instructor.

This course brought up another issue of where to put the expectations of students in the syllabi. Karen Moranski will look at the syllabus template and instructions to faculty. This course is a good example to use as we revise the U.S. Communities criteria.

D. Global Awareness

1. LIS 446 ECCE: Literary Heroines - New

ACTION: A schedule was not included in the syllabus, so it was sent back to the instructor for inclusion.

LIS 325 ECCE: Symbolist Movement in Europe 1850-1920 – Existing course adding ECCE-revised for global clarification.

ACTION: Sent back to the instructor. By making the syllabus more explicit on how the content is globalized would be helpful in order to emphasize the ECCE criteria. Donna Bussell will work with instructor.

Courses tabled for the next meeting

E. Humanities

UNI 101: The American Dream – course to keep UNI 101 on books and to use course for one section for STARS students.