

GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL  
Minutes  
November 14, 2012  
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Present

Heather Dell - Chair  
Steve Schnebly  
Peter Shapinsky  
Erin Lesko  
Richard Gilman-Opalsky  
Karen Moranski  
Donald Morris  
Harshavardhan Bapat  
Pinky Wassenberg  
Tung Nguyen

Absent

Amanda Binder  
Donna Bussell

I. Guest – Dr. Robert Schuman

Dr. Schuman is an external reviewer commissioned by UIS to review the honors and general education programs for lower division and general education in general. That means looking at lower division itself in terms of structure and its relationship between honors and non-honors. There is a large set of issues regarding structures and people. He will be making suggestions on how to make the programs work better on our campus.

Dr. Schuman comes from a national collegiate honor council background as well as experience with COPLAC colleges.

II. Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2011

Heather Dell gave thanks to Peter Shapinsky for chairing the last meeting.

The Council reviewed the minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup> and Richard Gilman-Opalsky motioned to accept them. Erin Lesko seconded the motion and all were in favor.

III. New Courses for Approval

A. Comparative Societies

LIS 107: Globalization and Power

**ACTION:** Peter Shapinsky moved to approve the course; Richard seconded the motion and all were in favor with the recommended changes. Peter offered to work with the instructor on these changes.

Recommend to edit cultural studies.

Which discipline is it? Help him to teach 100 level courses. What are the expectations of the students?

Due to time running out, the remainder of the agenda will be reviewed at a later meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Ply