

General Education Council
December 7, 2009
PAC 493
Minutes

Present:

Don Morris
Peter Shapinsky
Karen Moranski
Pinky Wassenberg
Heather Dell
Richard Gilman-Opalsky
Tung Nguyen
John Martin

Absent:

Martin Martsch
Waheedah Bilal
Lan Dong
Terry Bodenhorn

I. Approval of Minutes from the November 9, 2009 meeting.

The minutes of October 26, 2009 were amended a second time. Richard Gilman-Opalsky motioned to approve the amendments without bringing back to the table. Don Morris seconded the motion. The new minutes have been posted on e-Docs.

- a) Page 2, paragraph 3, sentence 3. “integrate baccalaureate skills into their topic and allow instructors...”
- b) Page 2, paragraph 1 after Option 3: “ As Gen Ed Council we need to add a first year seminar and a training component....”
- c) Page 3, paragraph 1, sentence 2: “most affected by the drop, for example, Clinical Science lab and TEP.”
- d) Page 3, paragraph 1, sentence 3: “ It was suggested that we not add additional diversity...”

Peter Shapinsky motioned to approve the November 9 minutes based on the following amendments. John Martin seconded and all were in favor. The new minutes have been posted on e-Docs.

- a) Page 2, Number 1: delete paragraph and replace with “Geco members discussed disciplinary uses of the words culture and societies and agreed that societies is generally the preferred, more inclusive term.”
- b) Page 2, Number 3: delete “present them with”
- c) Page 2, Number 3: delete Note.

II. Math Criteria Language – First Reading

Gen Ed Council would like courses available for the general education curriculum outside of the math department. The only one available right now is MAT 215 which is a stats course. Other than that there are 300 and 400 level stats and methods courses but IAI generally will not approve 400 level and may not approve 300 level courses. The language in the math criteria has been changed, but we need to check IAI criteria for stats. There is a Biology course ready for approval pending the revision in the math criteria. This will be held for Pinky Wassenberg,

John Martin, Tung Nguyen and Karen Moranski's review of the criteria. They will have a preliminary discussion on it and bring it back to a future meeting.

III. Comparative Societies Course Approval Criteria

There was discussion to figure out how comparative societies could fit into specific courses like those in the College of Business. As long as the curriculum is scaled into 100 level courses, this will help the students decide what major they would like. Since lower level Gen Ed courses are open to all freshmen, students could get a good idea from a cross of different majors across campus.

IV. Discussion of ECCE Electives

We ran out of time. This item is to be brought to the next meeting.

V. Bev Rivera has agreed to be Chair in place of Heather Dell who is on sabbatical.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ply