

General Education Council
Minutes
February 13, 2012
PAC 493

Present:

Pinky Wassenberg
Amanda Binder
Donna Bussell
Harshavardhan Bapat
Steve Schnebly
Richard Gilman-Opalsky
Heather Dell
Karen Moranski
Peter Shapinsky

Absent:

Donald Morris
Tung Nguyen
Erin Lesko

I. Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2012

Due to time constraints the minutes will be reviewed at the February 27th meeting.

John Martin resigned from Gen Ed Council due to being elected to the chair of Campus Senate. His resignation is attached.

II. Discussion of the Schuman Report

Committee members discussed various aspects of the report. Some of the ideas brought forth during the discussion are as follows, however the official report will be written by the General Education Council Chair.

- Dr. Schuman praised us for our global issues in our curriculum at the same time recommending honor students do more study abroad.
- The University is working to make sure our processes and policies are easier for students to study abroad.
- Studying abroad is not the only way students gain an international perspective. Our curriculum is set up to give them that perspective.
- There is a problem with funding. Our students generally do not have as much money as those on other campuses. There are some scholarships but there are not enough to go around.
- Students have the ability to use all their study abroad credits for ECCE. They can also take electives and an AST to fulfill other graduation requirements.
- There was much discussion about number 19 of the consultant report. Dr. Schuman states that the 50 general education hours out of the 120 total hours required at UIS is

on the high side of what is considered normal. If we decide to go down to 40 hours, then ECCE may be jeopardized. We cannot do that without losing our distinctiveness and our engagement experience. Also the Freshman Seminar will strengthen our retention.

III. Approval of New Courses

Global Awareness

1. LIS 446 ECCE: Literary Heroines - 2nd viewing – schedule attached

ACTION: The Council will approve this course as a 200 level Humanities providing the instructor wants to drop it to a 200 level. The instructor will be advised to the status of this decision.

The instructor agreed and this course was approved as LIS 244 – Humanities.

Due to time constraints the following courses will be reviewed at the February 27th meeting.

2. CAP 250: ECCE: Topics Courses existing topics course– new syllabi
 - a. Global Class, Race and Gender
 - b. Walls
3. CAP 350: ECCE: Special Topics on Global Issues new topics course – new syllabi
 - a. Global Gender/Transnational Sexualities
 - b. Colonial and Post-Colonial Identity in South Asia

IV. Course Approval Change Forms/Gen Ed Checklist – to be reviewed at next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ply

cc: e-mail from John Martin

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Heather,

I have been elected chair of the Senate. So it is with regret that I must resign from GECO. I have really enjoyed the experience gained and the camaraderie on the committee under your leadership. I will carry that forward with me. And as situations change in the future, I will also keep in mind coming back to serve again.

The SEC will start work immediately on finding a replacement so that they can be seated as quickly as possible during this busy time of year for the committee. I plan to first approach Amy McEuen and if she is too busy, I will consult with her to find someone else from the sciences that may be available. I will keep you informed. Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

-John