

General Education Council
Minutes
September 26, 2011
PAC 493
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Donna Bussell with regrets

- I. Approval of the Minutes from September 12, 2011
Richard Gilman-Opalsky moved to accept the minutes. Tung Nguyen seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- II. Approval of New Courses for Spring, 2012
 - A. Engagement Experience
 1. EXL 306: ECCE: Working for Women: Service Learning and Gender Inequality
Don Morris asked which agencies she had in mind and for her to offer some examples. Just any non-profit agency would not work e.g. Red Cross.

ACTION: The consensus is to approve this course with the only suggestion to identify the non-profit.
 2. EXL 304: ECCE: Leadership in the Homeless Community
What changes in readings and assignments make this a 300 level course? The disciplines should be listed in the course description and she should demonstrate how she is teaching her social-science methodologies. Document interviews and observations.

ACTION: Kicked back for more information. Heather will work with Kathy Guthrie. Per Council consensus if it meets expectations, Karen and Heather will approve it.

3. WGS 357: ECCE: LGBTQ & Allies Peer Education

It was suggested to list in the catalog that this course is mainly geared toward mature sophomores. Also suggest to the instructor that this course clarify mandatory and optional readings; clarify engagement components of the class; clarify the retreat components; and clarify what the alternative assignment is.

ACTION: Consensus to approve this course and Richard Gilman-Opalsky will work with the instructor on some of these issues.

B. U. S. Communities

1. WGS 203: ECCE: Women Changing the World

ACTION: As this is a U.S. Communities course it was recommended to change the title. Heather agreed to change it to “Women Changing the U.S.”. She later added “Fight Like a Girl” to the title.

ACTION: Heather will reduce the reading to make it consistent with a 200 level course.

ACTION: APPROVED.

2. AAS 241: ECCE: Survey of African American History I- FL 12

ACTION: Tabled as the wrong syllabus was attached.

3. AAS 242: ECCE: Survey of African American History II – SP12

The topic headings are missing in the course outline. The web assignments need to be updated.

ACTION: approved with suggestions

To Be Continued due to time and will review at next meeting. In the meantime, the Comparative Societies Task Force was formed. Peter Shapinsky, Heather Dell, and Richard Gilman-Opalsky will meet after the tenure deadline on October 4, 2011.

Courses to be approved:

1. Global Awareness

HIS 411: ECCE: Democracy & Democratic Theory

AAS 266: ECCE: Apartheid and Resistance

2. Social and Behavioral Science

SOA 223: Sociology of Family

3. Humanities

PHI 242: Ethics, Love and the Goals of Life

4. Life Science with Lab

BIO 222: Introduction to Freshwater Ecology

Review of Form Revisions

Next Meeting: October 10, 2011 in PAC 493 at 10:00 a.m.

Future Courses to Review for fall 2012

WGS 365/AAS 335: ECCE: Black Women in Film History – U.S. Communities

AAS 433: ECCE: Civil Rights Movement of the Twentieth Century – U.S. Communities

HIS 462: ECCE: Conflict in 19th Century Europe – Global Awareness

BUS 311: ECCE: Business Ethics – U.S. Communities