

General Education Council
Minutes
April 25, 2018
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
PAC 493

Present: Sherine Antoun, Ken Owen, Heather Dell, Kay McChesney, Sally LaJoie, Lucia Vazquez, Steve Schnebly, Tena Helton, Bob Blankenberger, Robert Smith, Stephanie Hedge

I. Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2018

Heather Dell motioned to approve the minutes of April 11, 2018. The motion passed 7 for approval, 0 against, 1 abstention.

II. Vote in Chair

Kay McChesney nominated Tena Helton as Chair for AY 2018-19. There was a write-in vote electing Tena Helton as Chair of the General Education Council by majority.

Kay McChesney nominated Ken Owen as backup Chair, Heather Dell seconded and all were in favor.

III. Fall Meeting Schedule

The Committee agreed that the 2nd and 4th Wednesday 1:15 to 2:45 will be the meeting time for fall 2018.

IV. Approval of New Courses

- A. CAP 356: Nationalism and Identity in Vietnam – 2nd Reading Global Awareness Revised and resubmitted to see a connection with the topics tied to student's essays and the course criteria.

ACTION: Heather Dell motioned to approve CAP 356 as Global Awareness, Ken Owen seconded and the motion passed 7 for approval, 0 against, 1 abstention.

- B. ENS 418: Introduction to American Environmental History – Existing non-Gen Ed course requesting U.S. Communities designation – 1st Reading.

ACTION: Heather Dell motioned to approve ENS 418 contingent with an assignment clarification adding a couple of sentences tying the course to a diverse community. The Committee agreed to allow the Chair and AVCUE's approval before sending to Catalog. Ken Owen seconded and the motion passed 6 for approval with contingency, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

V. Discussion Items

A. Diversity month academic programming needs

An e-mail was received from a faculty member concerning the preservation of high quality minority heritage month academic programming on campus within the ECCE Speaker Series. The concern stemmed from Black History Month and the lack of speaker programming. Programming for Hispanic History Month and Women's History Month are called into question as well. The issue of shortages of diverse speakers was discussed. Ken Owen, who is on the GEC Co sub-committee for ECCE Speaker Series, stated that the only thing missing is the lack of proposal submittals. There needs to be more motivation to get speakers for special months which the Speaker Series Coordinator is already doing.

The discussion ended to keep relying on the ECCE Speaker Series sub-committee's decisions for programming.

B. Request to review CBM and MPH courses that did not meet deadlines for recertification.

There was much discussion regarding MPH's justification for not submitting courses for recertification by the deadline. There are no grounds, error or misunderstanding for not submitting their courses. It was suggested to allow petitions for a limited length of time until the committee has time to review the courses in question, however it is GEC Co policy to not approve ECCE credit to UIS courses without an attribute.

Steve Schnebly motioned to deny Public Health an appeal for a 1 year extension. It was discussed that it is possible to complete a minor with the number of ECCE courses available and would do students no harm. Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion passed 5 for denial of appeal, 1 against, and 2 abstentions. The department can resubmit them as new courses in the fall.

As far as CBM is concerned, Stephanie Hedge motioned to deny Business an appeal to have their Global Awareness attribute renewed for the same reasons as MPH. The department can resubmit them as new courses in the fall. Kay McChesney seconded and the motion passed 5 for denial of appeal, 1 against, 2 abstentions.

C. Procedure for course reviews. 10 min.

Ken Owen proposed to allow every course to be revised and resubmitted, but adding an extra level of review. Color codes would allow the committee and the faculty to understand the level of revision needed. Yellow would stand for minor infractions, orange means some revision to be done, e.g. a judgement call, different readings, amend instructions, we think we will accept but no promises. Red is for major revisions.

Then use the codes to schedule the agenda based on time in committee. They would then go back into the queue, so the faculty will know where they stand. The color could be used to automatically have a member work with the faculty to redo the course.

Color codes are to be used externally as well as internally to GEC Co. This is in addition to our standard operating procedures. It would open up clarity to the review process. If there should not be a designated waiting time to deny an R&R, we could add a category to deny right off the bat. Ken Owen and Tena Helton will write up a process for GEC Co approval.

VI. Adjournment

Sherine Antoun motioned to adjourn, Stephanie Hedge seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

VII. Recertification of U.S. Communities Courses – to be reviewed Fall 2018

- A. CCJ 343 Women & Criminal Justice – Revised – 2nd Reading
- B. MGT 444 Work, Family and Community – Revised – 2nd Reading
- C. LES 488 Conviction of the Innocent
- D. SOA 231 Introduction to Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.
- E. SOA 235 Working USA & the 99%
- F. SOA 325 Latina/o USA
- G. WGS 403 Women of Color and Minority Women
- H. WGS 301 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies
- I. WGS 322 Gay and Lesbian Studies
- J. WGS 338 Sex, Gender, Pop Culture
- K. WGS 457 Masculinities
- L. COM 425 Intercultural Communication

Respectfully submitted,

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