

General Education Council  
Minutes  
January 31, 2018  
1:15 pm – 2:45 pm  
Location: PAC 493

Attendees: Tena Helton, Ken Owen, Sherine Antoun, Kay McChesney, Heather Dell, Sally LaJoie, Bob Blankenberger

Absent: Steve Schnebly, Stephanie Hedge, Lucia Vazquez

I. Approval of Minutes – November 29, 2017

ACTION: Sally LaJoie motioned to approve the minutes of November 29, 2017, Kay McChesney seconded and the motion passed with 4 for approval, 0 against, 1 abstention.

II. Housekeeping Advisory Item – What should the Office of Undergraduate Education do with courses that have been denied or withdrawn? This would include previous course change forms or syllabi. There is a list of these courses that is kept in the Gen Ed/ECCE file drawer in case anyone wants to know what happened to a particular course, but in at least 10 years there have been no inquiries.

ACTION: There was a consensus by the Committee to keep denied or withdrawn syllabi in the Office of Undergraduate Education for two years then purge.

III. Recertification of U.S. Communities Courses

A. ENG 331 Asian American Women & Literature – Change from Global Awareness to U.S. Communities

The Committee requests that this syllabus be revised to include two or more disciplines in the readings and assignments. Also they would like to see the course description include explicit power inequities.

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to revise and resubmit, Heather Dell seconded and the motion carried 5 for R&R, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

B. ENG 321 China To Chinese America – Changed from Global Awareness to U.S. Communities

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to approve ENG 321 as a U.S. Communities course, Sherine Antoun seconded and the motion passed by 5 for approval, 0 against, 1 abstention.

C. COM 478 Communicating about Race

After discussion, the committee would like to see more diversity mentioned in the course description, course objectives, readings and assignments, and how power inequities are required in the assignments.

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to revise and resubmit, Heather Dell seconded and the motion passed by 5 for R&R, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

D. MPH 438 Monsters, Medicine and Myth

The Committee discussed this course at length and Heather Dell motioned to deny recertification. Sherine Antoun seconded the motion. Tena Helton and Bob Blankenberger explained the backlash for denying courses before allowing them to respond to a revise and resubmit. There was much discussion about having more faculty workshops and other opportunities to stay in touch with faculty to alleviate any uneasiness when confronted with the Gen Ed Council's decisions. This discussion will continue in upcoming meetings.

This course is more of a public health course and lacking in diversity, power inequities, communities, and the readings are directly about public health issues.

ACTION: The motions carried 5 in favor of denial, 0 against, 0 abstentions to deny recertification for U.S. Communities designation.

IV. Heather Dell motioned to adjourn, Ken Owen seconded and the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Ply

Changes in Course Titles – GECO information only – No Action Needed

CLS 421: Clinical Chemistry Practicum – ECCE Engagement Experience – formerly Clinical Chemistry Laboratory

CLS 422: Clinical Hematology Practicum – ECCE Engagement Experience – formerly Clinical Hematology Laboratory

CLS 423: Clinical Microbiology Practicum – ECCE Engagement Experience – formerly Clinical Microbiology Laboratory

CLS 424: Clinical Immunohematology Practicum – ECCE Engagement Experience – formerly Clinical Immunohematology Laboratory