

General Education Council
Minutes
February 14, 2018
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
PAC 493

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

Visitor: Anette Sikka

I. Approval of Minutes – January 31, 2018

Since the chair was delayed, Kay McChesney motioned to have Ken Owen be appointed interim chair in Tena Helton's absence. Heather Dell seconded and the motion passed 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstention.

ACTION: Ken Owen called for the first order of business to be the approval of minutes of January 31, 2018. Heather Dell motioned to approve the minutes, Sherine Antoun seconded and the motion passed 5 for approval, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

When Tena Helton arrived, Ken Owen motioned to add an agenda item if time permits. All were in favor, 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstention. Item V. was added.

II. LES 476 – Immigration, Society & U.S. Policy - existing course requesting U.S. Communities designation – Revised and Resubmitted. Dr. Anette Sikka attending.

The committee reviewed the revisions, and questions were asked and answered by Dr. Sikka. The criteria was explained and what the committee looks for when reviewing syllabi.

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to deny LES 476 as a U.S. Communities course; Steve Schnebly seconded. After more discussion, Heather Dell volunteered to work with Dr. Sikka to get the U.S. Communities criteria and depth into the syllabus. The decision on this course has been tabled. Vote on tabling: 6 for, 2 against.

III. Revised and Resubmitted U.S. Communities Course

ENG 331 Asian American Women & Literature

ACTION: After the Committee review, Ken Owen motioned to approve ENG 331 as a U.S. Communities course, Kay McChesney seconded. Heather Dell

stated she is not clear on if there is enough interdisciplinarity in the course and called the question. The motion carried 5 for approval, 2 against, 1 abstention.

IV. Recertification of U.S. Communities Courses

A. ENG 337 American Souths

ACTION: Sherine Antoun motioned to approve ENG 337 for recertification, Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion passed 7 for approval, 0 against, 1 recusal.

B. CSC 442 Internet/American Life

It was discussed that this course does meet criteria, and the written assignments do not substantiate what the committee is looking for. Others thought insider perspective was not listed as communities in the syllabus. The course description does not outline U.S. Communities.

ACTION: Heather Dell motioned to deny recertification, Kay McChesney seconded. There was more discussion about the engagement of the communities that are not defined.

Heather Dell revised her motion to table until the next meeting. Kay McChesney revised her second and all were in favor, 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstention.

C. ACC 454 Regulation and the American Economy – tabled until next meeting

V. Course Caps for online ECCE – tabled until next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Stephanie Hedge motioned to adjourn, Sherine Antoun seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply