

General Education Council
Minutes
March 28, 2018
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
PAC 493

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

Absent: Steve Schnebly, Sherine Antoun

I. Approval of Minutes – February 28, 2018

Ken Owen motioned to approve the minutes of February 28, 2018; Heather Dell seconded and the motion passed 6 for approval, 0 against, 0 abstention.

II. U. S. Communities New Course - Revised and Resubmitted

LES 456: Immigration and Society in U.S. Law & Policy – Revised and Resubmitted with a new number and title. Formerly LES 476: Immigration, Society and U.S. Policy. Second Reading.

The Committee deliberated on whether anything had changed. They found that a lack of contextualization, and not a cumulative knowledge of communities, assignments nor references are included in the syllabus.

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to deny LES 456 as a U.S. Communities course; Kay McChesney seconded and the motion passed 4 to deny, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

III. Recertification of U.S. Communities Courses

A. CCJ 343: Women & Criminal Justice

The Committee discussed the lack of research and assigned papers. They would also like to see what the content is on the Discussion Boards and how they pertain to specific communities. Specifically, they would like to see more diverse readings and research for the course paper

ACTION: Stephanie Hedge motioned to Revise & Resubmit. Kay McChesney seconded and the motion passed 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstention.

B. CCJ 347: Race/Class/Social Justice

Race, ethnicity and class outcomes seem to be met however, there is only one textbook and it may not be interdisciplinary. The Committee would like to see more detail on what is happening each week, what is being assigned in the books, and how the students are engaging with communities in the final paper. Also, add more detail to the course calendar that demonstrates active learning.

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to Revise & Resubmit, Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion passed 6 for R&R, 0 against, 0 abstention.

C. CCJ 364: Communities, Fear, and Crime Control

This looks like a straight Criminology class. In looking at the topics and readings, it looks like it is more of a topically based course and does not identify specific communities on the topics and readings. There is not enough information on how students engage with specific communities.

ACTION: Ken Owen motioned to revise and resubmit but stressed it would be quite an endeavor. Motion not seconded; motion failed.

It was further discussed how the line is crossed between giving one chance at a revise and resubmit versus denying a course that would take significant rewriting. This course would be over that line. The Committee needs to be consistent with their decisions to deny vs. revise and resubmit, as it is important to justify it to the faculty.

Kay McChesney motioned to deny recertification of CCJ 364. Sally LaJoie seconded and the motion passed 4 to deny, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

D. CLS 411 Health Care Management

This course is primarily a course taught for the major and focused on health care management rather than a health care community that drills down to underserved communities. The textbooks and topics do not focus on diversity nor specific communities. There is also no evidence of interdisciplinarity.

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to deny recertification of CLS 411, Heather Dell seconded and the motion passed 5 for denial, 1 against, 0 abstention.

E. MGT 444: Work, Family & Community

The Committee thought this was a great course but had some recommendations for revision. The Committee would like to see communities specifically defined, and explained how the students engage with diversity from an insider point of view.

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to revise and resubmit MGT 444, Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion passed 4 for R&R, 0 against, 1 abstention.

IV. Adjournment

Ken Owen motioned to adjourn, Stephanie Hedge seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply