

General Education Council
Minutes
April 11, 2018
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
PAC 493

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

Guests: Ranjan Karri

I. Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2018

Heather Dell motioned to approve the minutes of March 28, 2018; Ken Owen seconded and the motion passed 6 for approval, 0 denied, 2 abstentions.

II. LES 456: Immigration, Society & U.S. Policy

Kay McChesney motioned to withdraw the decision to deny LES 456 until the intended revised syllabus is received and reviewed by the Committee. The intended syllabus was not the one submitted through governance on March 28th. Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion passed 7 to approve the withdrawal, 0 denial, and 1 abstention.

III. General Education Council Chair's Remarks

Tena Helton, Chair, made comments to the General Education Council and guests. This was in reference to the recent complaints made by three departments to the Campus Senate Chair, regarding the decisions made by the General Education Council to remove ECCE attributes from courses that have either been denied for recertification, or from the department's choice to not submit courses for review.

After Dr. Helton's talk, she opened the floor for questions and comments. The Committee advised the Chair and the Chair of the Senate against creating a de facto appeals process by hearing an appeal at the Senate Executive Committee. The Committee recommended a review of communication procedures and the process of informing faculty and administration of decisions.

ACTION: It was first decided to make changes to the Levels of Governance chart to include recertification of ECCE courses and for whose purview it is to remove their attributes.

Tena Helton asked the Committee what we should work on for the last GEC meeting of the semester, recertification or other business such as creating statements about policies and voting on a new Chair. There was a consensus to move forward with the recertification process.

Since time ran out, the rest of the agenda will resume next meeting, April 25, 2018

IV. Adjournment

Stephanie Hedge motioned to adjourn, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ply