

General Education Council
Minutes
October 24, 2018
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
UHB 2030

Present: Joseph Partain, Ken Mulliken, Steve Schnebly, Stephanie Hedge, Sherine Antoun, Sally LaJoie, Tena Helton, Kay McChesney, Lucia Vazquez, Heather Dell, Robert Smith

Absent: Ken Owen

Visitor: Sarah Webb, Amie Kincaid

I. Approval of Agenda – October 24, 2018

Stephanie Hedge motioned to approve the agenda of October 24, 2018, Steve Schnebly seconded and the motion passed 7 for approval, 0 against, 0 abstentions

II. Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2018

Stephanie Hedge motioned to approve the minutes of October 10, 2018, Joseph Partain seconded and the motion passed 6 for approval, 0 against, 1 abstention.

III. ECCE Proposal Process

The purpose of the discussion was to look at the questions proposed by the Undergraduate Council and decide whether or not the questions should be changed, deleted or added to the survey. The survey will be sent to the departments that have concerns with the ECCE curriculum. Then a sub-committee of the General Education Council will be formed to explore the impact of ECCE on students and programs at UIS. GECO will make their recommendations to the UGC and the UGC will determine whether or not a more intensive review is necessary.

GECO will decide if they will add an “outside” member to the sub-committee, as per the Senate Executive Committee’s recommendations. Kay McChesney went on record to say that the SEC should not dictate who the members of this subcommittee are. GECO will also choose how we respond to the timeline recommendation, and who will meet with those that proposed and supported the ECCE elimination.

After much deliberation, the following questions have been determined will go into the survey.

1. Are students required to take over 120 hours to complete their degree AND ECCE requirements?
2. Which ECCE requirement most delays the timely completion of your students' degrees?
3. If your department has external accreditation, please answer this question: Does the combination of accreditation requirements and ECCE requirements delay student graduation in a timely manner?
How?
4. What other external factors contribute to concerns about ECCE (e.g., degree standing, external reputation)? How do those concerns impact student graduate rates or timely completion rates?
5. How have recent course de-certifications in your department impacted your ability to offer department-based ECCE courses?
6. Please provide some different ways that we can help you respond to issues that emerged from the above questions.

It was decided to give faculty a deadline of November 6 in order to set the agenda for the next GEC meeting. If the departments cannot meet the deadline they will need to tell us.

Tena will write a memo for departments, decide how to proceed with the work and talk about committee formation next meeting.

IV. Recertification of U.S. Communities Courses

A. LES 488 Conviction of the Innocent

ACTION: A friendly suggestion was made to specify who the diverse populations are on #4 of the course objectives. Kay McChesney motioned to approve recertification of LES 488, Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion passed 7 for recertification, 0 against, 1 abstention

B. SOA 325: Latin@ USA

ACTION: Steve Schnebly motioned to approve recertification of SOA 325, Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion passed 6 for recertification, 0 against, 1 abstention.

C. SOA 235: Working USA: The 99%

ACTION: Stephanie Hedge motioned to approve recertification of SOA 235, Steve Schnebly seconded and the motion passed 6 for recertification, 0 against, 1 abstention

D. COM 425 Intercultural Communication

ACTION: After discussion regarding the balance of U.S. and international content, and the interdisciplinarity of the course, revisions should show which communities in the U.S. appear in the weekly schedule, providing the course is from a U.S. perspective.

Heather Dell motioned to Revise & Resubmit COM 425, Steve Schnebly seconded and the motion passed 5 for R&R, 0 against, 2 abstentions

We ran out of time so the remainder of the courses to be reviewed for recertification will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

E. SOA 426: Teen Talk Classic: Stories of Culture and Adolescence

F. WGS 322: Gay and Lesbian Studies

G. WGS 338: Sex, Gender, Pop Culture

H. WGS 457: Masculinities

V. Adjournment

Stephanie Hedge motioned to adjourn at 2:58 pm, Heather Dell seconded and the motion passed 7 for adjournment, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

The next meeting will be held on November 14, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply