

General Education Council
Minutes
November 8, 2017
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
UBH 2028

Present: Tena Helton, Stephanie Hedge, Sally LaJoie, Sherine Antoun, Steve Schnebly, Bob Blankenberger, Kay McChesney

Absent: Lucia Vazquez, Ken Owen

Guest: Dr. Henry Nicholson

I. Approval of Minutes – October 25, 2017

ACTION: Sally LaJoie motioned to approve the minutes of October 25, 2017, Steve Schnebly seconded and the motion carried 5 for approval, 0 against, 0 abstention.

II. Approval of New Courses

A. ENS 401: Environmental Justice – Science, Policy and Activism – Existing Course requesting Global Awareness approval - R&R Second Reading

Revision included added readings covering power inequities, and global interconnections.

ACTION: Stephanie Hedge motioned to approve ENS 401 as Global Awareness, Sally LaJoie seconded and the motion carried 5 for approval, 0 against, 0 abstention.

B. CSC 291: Algorithms and Problem Solving – R&R Second Reading – Physical Science

The revision was brought back with an appendix to the cover note explaining why this course should be a physical science. There was more discussion regarding how this course is more math-like than physical science.

Kay McChesney motioned to deny CSC 291 as a physical science, Steve Schnebly seconded and the motion carried 4 to deny, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

III. Recertification of Global Awareness Courses

A. CAP 254: Walls –Second Reading and Discussion with Dr. Henry Nicholson

The Committee and Dr. Nicholson discussed how this course can be brought up to meet the Global Awareness criteria. The cultural awareness with an insider point of view needs to be more specific in the course calendar and assignments. Adding a case study would help specify cultures and prompt the power inequities.

ACTION: Sherine Antoun motioned to send CAP 254 back for a revise and resubmit, Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion carried 5 for R&R a second time. 0 against, 1 abstention.

B. LIS 366: European Cinema

This course seems to be a film study course centralized in Europe. The global content is in the readings but not in the assignments nor the film schedule. The research paper asks for film content rather than power plays or cultural awareness.

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to deny recertification based on the grounds it appears to be a film course with no requirements for global awareness, Sherine Antoun seconded, There was more discussion based on the matter that we usually allow one revise and resubmit to give the instructor a chance to bring it up to standards. Kay McChesney agreed to withdraw her motion. Sherine Antoun seconded withdrawing the motion.

Stephanie Hedge motioned to send LIS 366 back for a revise and resubmit, Steve Schnebly seconded and the motion carried 5 for R&R, 0 against, 1 abstention. Stephanie Hedge will work with the instructor.

C. LIS 432: Expatriate Paris

This course has no global content nor cultural insider perspectives. Neither the readings nor assignments categorize the three learning outcomes.

ACTION: Sherine Antoun motioned to send LIS 432 back for a revise and resubmit, Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion carried 3 for R&R, 2 against, 1 abstention. Stephanie Hedge will work with the instructor.

D. CAP 255: How the World Works – R&R Returned

This course was returned without including power inequities. There is a little about cultural awareness but not with any depth nor any insider perspectives.

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to deny recertification of CAP 255, Sherine Antoun seconded. There was more discussion why this is not a global awareness course.

The motion carried 5 for denial, 0 against, 1 abstention.

E. HIS 414: Cleopatra's Egypt

ACTION: Sherine Antoun motioned to approve recertification of HIS 414, Sally LaJoie seconded and the motion carried 5 for approval, 0 against, 1 abstention.

F. HIS 411: Democracy & Democratic Theory

ACTION: Sherine Antoun motioned to approve recertification of HIS 411, Stephanie Hedge seconded. The motion was approved with some questions about cultural awareness. The strength of this course is the insider perspective.

The motion carried 5 for recertification, 0 against, 1 abstention

G. HIS 475: Nationalism and Imperialism

This course is a model example of a course that gives students in-depth study. Meets all three criteria. There are a lot of good points from an insider perspective.

ACTION: Kay McChesney motioned to recertify HIS 475, Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion carried 5 for approval, 0 against, 1 abstention.

Sherine Antoun motioned to adjourn, Stephanie Hedge seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ply