

General Education Council
Minutes
November 29, 2017
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
UBH 2028

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

Absent: Lucia Vazquez (ex-officio)

I. Approval of Minutes – November 8, 2017

Steve Schnebly motioned to approve the minutes of November 8, 2017, Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion carried 5 for approval, 0 against, 1 abstention.

II. Approval of Course Changes

HIS 118: History of Western Civilization – Change in Title from “Making of the West” – Comparative Societies-Humanities.

This is the second time this course requested a title change. The first time was on 1/31/14 to change it from “Making of the West” to “Western Civilization”. The committee put a hold on this decision in order for the instructor to consider a different title. Western Civilization was said to be confusing to students since it is not a typical Western Civilization course that could be found at most community colleges and high schools. There is also a problem with this being a comparative societies which cannot be transferred as a straight humanities course by IAI standards. Bob Blankenberger said that to meet IAI requirements the chronology must meet certain time lines. The first request was withdrawn as the instructor did not meet with the committee to discuss the change. The Committee is now reviewing it again.

Ken Owen motioned to table HIS 118 until the spring session of Gen Ed Council. Kay McChesney seconded and the motion carried 5 for tabling, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

III. Approval of New Courses

A. BUS 2XX: Money, Markets and You – New Social and Behavioral Science

The syllabus does not specify or discuss why it meets the Social and Behavioral Science criteria.

Kay McChesney motioned to deny BUS 2xx as a Social and Behavioral Science, Steve Schnebly seconded and after more discussion the motion carried 6 for denial, 0 against, 1 abstention.

B. LES 476: Immigration, Society & U.S. Policy – Existing course requesting U.S. Communities designation

This course refers to general ECCE global outcomes rather than specific category outcomes. The Committee would like to see specific communities in the syllabus and increased reading due to it being a 400 level course. Significant revisions are necessary and up to the instructor to make them.

Sherine Antoun motioned to Revise & Resubmit LES 476, Ken Owen seconded and the motion carried 6 for R&R, 0 against, 1 abstention.

C. PAD 482: Global Child Advocacy Studies – New Global Awareness

The course description implies it is not open to all students except primarily the major. It seems to be designed for students who want to go into child welfare. It needs to be emphasized that it has to be available to all students.

Ken Owen motioned to deny PAD 482, Stephanie Hedge seconded. There was more discussion that the committee would have liked an explanation that “Global” is not just in the title but from the criteria. It is not clear this course is open to all, not what we expect from a 400 level ECCE course, no global interconnections nor insider perspectives. Falls short of a global awareness course.

It was discussed if a course can be revised and resubmitted if it is too far from the objectives. It was decided the course would need to be re-written under guidance of GECO.

The motion carried 6 for denial of PAD 482 as Global Awareness, 0 against, 1 abstention.

IV. Recertification of Global Awareness Courses

A. CAP 254: Walls – Revised and Resubmitted

This course was revised enough to meet the criteria but not with clarity. The written assignments are brief and the committee would have liked to see a paragraph about what is expected by the students.

Kay McChesney motioned to deny, Sherine Antoun seconded. More discussion on the missing of specific cultures and insider perspectives which the Instructor made some changes, but not specific to what was asked for. The motion carried 5 for denial of CAP 254 Global Awareness recertification, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

B. WGS 204: Global Women

This course has good assignments and meets the criteria of Global Awareness.

Ken Owen motioned to approve the recertification of WGS 204, Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion carried 6 for approval, 0 against, 1 abstention.

V. Adjournment

Sherine Antoun motioned to adjourn, Ken Owen seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 2:39 pm.

The next meeting will be held on January 24, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ply