

General Education Council
Minutes
November 28, 2018
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
UHB 2030

Present: Joseph Partain, Ken Owen, Tena Helton, Steve Schnebly, Sally LaJoie, Bob Smith, Stephanie Hedge, Heather Dell, Lucia Vazquez, Kay McChesney, Ken Mulliken, Amie Kincaid

Absent: Sherine Antoun

I. Approval of Agenda – November 28, 2018

ACTION: Heather Dell moved to approve the agenda of November 28, 2018, Ken Owen seconded and the motion passed 8 for approval, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

II. Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2018

ACTION: Stephanie Hedge moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2018, Ken Owen seconded. Heather Dell requested an amendment in Item IV second paragraph under ECCE Data Discussion. To add to the end of the first sentence after “problems indicated are related to the priorities of the accreditors in the disciplines and the challenges of serving transfer students coming in the third year meeting the prerequisites.” Stephanie Hedge moved to approve the amended minutes, Kay McChesney seconded and the motion passed 7 for approval, 0 against, 1 abstention.

III. Approval of Course Description Changes

BIO 201, BIO 202

ACTION: Ken Owen moved to send the course description change request back with the suggestion to eliminate the instructor approval required from the course descriptions. The Council will not approve without this change. Stephanie Hedge seconded. The consensus was to allow the Chair to approve the change so it does not have to wait for the next GEC meeting.

IV. Approval of New Courses

A. SWK 460: Social Development Short Term Study Abroad – New Global Awareness/Engagement Experience-1st Reading

ACTION: There was much discussion on whether or not Engagement Experience or Global Awareness could be automatic and which one needed to have an approval.

It was decided to have Deb Ply gather more background information on study abroad topics courses and ECCE approvals. She is also to research the recertification of these courses.

Stephanie Hedge moved to table the discussion for more information. Ken Owen seconded and the motion passed 8 for tabling, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

B. BIO 438: Medical Quackery (online) – New U.S. Communities – 2nd Reading

ACTION: Kay McChesney moved to approve BIO 438 as a new U.S. Communities course, Ken Owen seconded. Heather Dell led the discussion about the lack of focus on specific communities and more about the medicine. The motion was denied 3 in favor for approval, 5 against, 0 abstentions. There was more discussion regarding the distinction of communities.

Ken Owen moved to approve BIO 438, Joseph Partain seconded. Heather Dell called the question and the motion was denied 3 in favor for approval, 4 against, 1 abstention.

Steve Schnebly moved to deny BIO 438, Heather Dell seconded and the motion was denied 3 in favor to deny, 4 against, 1 abstention.

Joseph Partain moved to revise and resubmit, Sally LaJoie seconded and the motion passed 4 for R&R, 2 against, 2 abstention.

Tena Helton will work with the instructor.

V. Recertification of U.S. Communities Courses-j

Due to lack of time, there was a consensus to table these courses. Tena Helton will write a note to the instructor to see if he is willing to make some revisions on all these courses over the winter break and bring them back for the spring session.

A. WGS 322: Gay and Lesbian Studies – 1st Reading

B. WGS 338: Sex, Gender, Pop Culture – 1st Reading

C. WGS 457: Masculinities – 1st Reading

D. WGS 434: Women and Work – 1st Reading

VI. General Education Website – tabled for spring session

VII. Adjournment

Steve Schnebly moved to adjourn, Stephanie seconded and the meeting adjourned at 2:49 pm.

The next meeting will be held on January 30, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply