

General Education Council
Minutes
February 27, 2019
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
PAC 3I

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

Visitor: Jonathan GoldbergBelle

I. Approval of Agenda – February 27, 2019

ACTION: Stephanie Hedge moved to approve the agenda, Ken Owen seconded and the motion passed 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

II. Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2018

Ken Owen requested to make a few changes to the language under III.A. ECCE Course Data first paragraph. “Dr. Keenan Dungey introduced Dr. Bill Bloemer who presented data on evidence regarding student graduation rates and the ECCE curriculum”. And second paragraph, second sentence “...graduated between FL 16 and SU 18...”

ACTION: Ken Owen moved to approve the minutes with amendments, Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion passed 7 for, 0 against, 1 abstention.

III. Approval of New Courses

A. SWK 460: Social Development Short Term Study Abroad-New Global Awareness

Stephanie Hedge mentioned that the course itself is a good Global Awareness, however she is not comfortable with a shell course being a Global Awareness due to the change of topics from one trip to another. Heather Dell is more comfortable with the Engagement Experience portion of the course. Kay McChesney said students already get 8 credits of Engagement Experience in their program, so that’s why they are submitting this course as a Global Awareness.

The topics course is problematic as we do not know whether this course is the same except for the location. It is centered on the International Federation of Social Work in different countries. The Committee would like to see the course number changed to a non-topics course number.

ACTION: Sherine Antoun moved to approve this course for the Taiwan trip only. Stephanie Hedge seconded and the motion passed 7 for, 0 against, 1 abstention.

Ken Mulliken, Tena Helton and Deb Ply will talk about how to submit this for approval of the next trip.

B. UNI 260: Immigration & Human Trafficking-New Engagement Experience

This course is being submitted for Engagement Experience and Global Awareness. This course could go into either category however since it is a 200 level being submitted for ECCE, students could only get credit in one category. Students could get credit for both categories in 400 level courses. This course is geared for students before they enter their freshmen year and in the future plan for recruiting students before classes begin in the fall.

ACTION: Ken Owen has concerns with this course being approved for two categories. He moved to table the decision until the next meeting in order to determine what category this course could be applied to if not ECCE. Steve Schnebly seconded and the motion passed 6 for tabling, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

C. CHE 143: Recitation for General Chemistry I – New Physical Science –

This 0 credit hour, 1 workload hour course is for mandatory supplementary instruction.

ACTION: Kay McChesney counted the question. All eight members were in favor of approving.

IV. Recertification of U.S. Communities Courses

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

The Committee found this course appropriate for the U.S. Communities category, however there are a few items they would like clarified in the syllabus. There are separate prompts for paper assignments that do not match the research assignments. Demonstrating the learning outcomes is necessary for the final paper so the Committee would like the instructor to specifically identify them. The Committee said the diversity objective is present but would like to see explicit references to the U.S. Communities criteria in the course objectives and specific assignments. Including the criteria in the syllabus description of the research paper would be helpful.

ACTION: Stephanie Hedge moved to Revise & Resubmit, Steve Schnebly seconded and the motion passed 6 for R&R, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

V. Adjournment

Stephanie Hedge moved to adjourn. 2:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply