UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes for January 29, 2024

PRESENT: Marie Bourgeois, Chair (PH), Joanna Burchfield, Vice-Chair (EN), John Abresch (LIB), Karen Atwood (AC), Sara Callahan (AC), Maureen "Mo" Chiodini-Rinaldo (EU), Shane Combs (US), Michael Cross (HC), Madeline Domino (BU), Jane Govoni (EU), Morgan Gresham (AC), Manisha Joshi (BC), Jennefer Karnegie (EU), Jay Michaels (AC), Daniel Marlin (BU), Jason Nethercut (AC), Gauri Pradhan (AC), Cathy Rogers (BC), Walter Silva Sotillo (EN), Rick Smith (AC)

ABSENT: Fannie Green (FA), Emily Mann (LIB), Patrick Rodriguez (PH), Yolanda Torres (NR), Natasha Zurcher (NR)

GUESTS/EX-OFFICIO: Ali Mrani Alaoui (US), Kyna Betancourt (US), Mazi Ferguson (OCE&P), Colin Forbes (US), Rebecca Gibbons (ODS), Timothy Henkel (CITL), David Hicks (US), Jennifer Lister (BC), Diane Mellon (US), Monica Miranda (OCE&P), Nicole Roberts (US), Robyn Tornay (RO), Jennifer VanDeWoestyne (US)

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1. **Welcome and Announcements:** Marie Bourgeois welcomed the General Education Council (GEC) membership and guests to the meeting. Quorum was established promptly at 3:00 p.m. (EST).

2. **Approval of October 16, 2023 General Education Council Meeting Minutes** The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. **Informational Items**

    A. **Senate Bill 266** – Kyna Betancourt provided a brief summary of the State Senate bill and the revising of duties relating to the mission of each university. Kyna's presentation focused on how general education (GE) courses are established with examples such as Intro to Oceanography now being in the core but likely removed from High Impact Practice GE due to needing to ensure that students receive their full thirty-six hours. The largest change will come in Social Sciences where Am. History I and II were added, however civic literacy competencies which are state required are minimally covered by the curriculum found in Am. History II. Also, Intro to Sociology is now struck from the Gen Ed core. The current goal will be to move Intro to Sociology for Fall 2024 into Enhanced General Education. Kyna noted an unexpected positive effect of the change could come with more students being exposed to Principles of Sociology as it can be applied as a component to their Enhanced General Education.

B. **New BOG Regulation 8.005** – Kyna Betancourt provided a summary of how institutions will begin reporting all of their general education course offerings. General Education courses will first be approved by the institution's president, then by the institutions Board of Trustees and then finally to the Articulation Coordinating Committee that reports to the Board of Governors. If an approved list is not generated, the institution could face modifications to their funding. Course descriptions and learning outcomes are currently not required to be included in data sent through the above institutional hierarchy. Kyna provided a brief recommendation about how institutional leadership would be likely be the best source for deciding what General Education courses are on the list as the presidents of each institution and Board of Trustees will be held accountable for the lists they forward. To close, Kyna provided a timeline starting with the Committee on Academics meeting on May 21, 2024 and then the full board meeting on June 4, 2024 which will likely be the last meeting that a vote can occur for the changes to go into effect by Fall 24. The Articulation Coordinating Committee will need the approved list by September 1, 2024, and they have to submit it to the Board of Governors by December 1, 2024.

C. **Mathematics Pathways** – Kyna Betancourt noted that the new legislation will require all programs to indicate which of the three mathematics pathways they will require for students as they enter their programs. One pathway will be Algebra to Calculus. The second pathway is Statistics, and the third pathway will be Mathematical Thinking in Context. Based on this curriculum structure, most changes will be minimal and will primarily occur in the packaging and marketing to students.

D. **GEC Staff Support Change (Spring 2024)** – Kyna Betancourt notified the council members that Undergraduate Studies support staff will steadily change over the next few weeks. Support for council proposals and minutes will move back to Lorene Hall Jennings and her new support staff hire. David Hicks will be moving to other responsibilities within Undergraduate Studies. Lorene's new staff will continue training this semester on an interim basis with the goal of supporting the council full-time in the Fall. Any edits, questions, or concerns about proposals can be sent directly to **UGS-DOCurriculum@usf.edu** where multiple staff members will have the ability to monitor and respond accordingly.

E. **Two HIP Attributes for Tier 4 Courses** – Kyna Betancourt noted there was an inquiry about whether one course could feature two HIP attributes. Kyna noted that it is possible, however, courses have not historically been structured this way. Marie Bourgeois and other council members were curious about whether faculty would have enough time to properly address both attributes in the curriculum. Kyna noted examples of courses studying abroad as an instance where two HIPs could be included without drastic changes being necessary to curriculum as students would be simultaneously experiencing the curriculum in

real life situations while also learning from the current instruction. Ultimately, a vote was cast and unanimously approved.

F. **INT - 4942 - Internship in Deaf Studies (attribute discontinue)** - Marie Bourgeois provided a summary of the discontinuation and noted that this will be a full course discontinue and not just an attribute discontinue proposal. This was confirmed by Jennifer Lister.

4. **Consent Agenda Course Proposals – Approved by GEC Email Vote**

Course Change Short Form Proposals

a. CHM 3080 Chemistry for Sustainability **APPROVED**
Note: Approved by email vote (11/21/2023).

5. **New Business**

Consent Agenda

New Proposals in Curriculog since last meeting on 12/4/2023.

Marie Bourgeois accepted a slate vote for all consent items listed below and each was unanimously approved.

1. ANT - 4593 - Evolution and Health
2. BSC - 4851 - Hollywood Biology
3. BSC - 4940 - Biology Internship
4. CLP - 4941 - Community Practicum in Selected Topics
5. CRW - 3321 - Poetry II
6. EDF - 3228 - Human Behavior and Environmental Selection
7. EDP - 2210 - Learning in the Real World
8. ENC - 3331 - Client and Civic Communication
9. ENG - 4934 - Senior Literature Seminar
10. GEB - 4890 - Strategic Management and Decision Making
11. HIS - 4940 - History Internship
12. INT - 4947 - Interpreting Practicum
13. ISS - 4942 - Practicing Sustainability
14. LIS - 4414 - Information Policy and Ethics
15. LIT - 3621 - Literature of Climate Change: Climate Fiction
16. PCB - 4024 - Molecular Biology of the Cell
17. PHC - 4755 - Foundations of Evaluation and Research in Public Health
18. PSY - 4938 - Pro Seminar
19. REL - 3063 - Religion and Social Justice
20. REL - 3167 - Sustainable Development and Religion
21. REL - 3192 - Agrarianism and the Sacred
22. REL - 3375 - Issues in Caribbean Religions
23. REL - 3851 - Health, Ethics, and Religion
24. SCE - 2041 - Foundations of Science and Science Education
25. SOW - 3802 - Happiness and Well-Being
26. SPC - 3710 - Communication and Cultural Diversity

27. SPM - 3012 - Issues in Sport
28. WST - 4935 - Capstone/Senior Project
29. STA - 2023 - Introductory Statistics I

6. **New Business: New Course Proposals (Reviewers were assigned through volunteering with remaining unassigned courses being assigned through e-mail communication).**
    1. ACG - 4841 - Analytics in Accounting – Walter Silva
    2. CCJ 3091 Myths of Crime and Criminal Justice – Madeline Domino
    3. CJL - 3062 - Know Your Legal Rights
    4. GEY - 4945 - Internship – Rick Smith
    5. MGF - 1130 - Mathematical Thinking
    6. MHS - 2441 - Fundamentals of Romantic Relationships
    7. MHS - 3064 - Gender Diversity Sexuality and Behavioral Healthcare
    8. RCS - 2000 - Disability and Popular Culture
    9. SOW - 3203 - Introduction to Social Work

    Course Change Proposals (Proposals Needing Reviewer Assignment)
    1. NUR - 4948L - Preceptorship

    Course Recertification Proposals (Proposals Needing Reviewer Assignment)
    1. BOT - 3850 - Medical Botany
    2. CCJ - 3058 - Professionalism in Criminology and Criminal Justice
    3. CHM - 3080 - Chemistry for Sustainability
    4. COM - 3014 - Communication, Gender and Identity – Morgan Gresham
    5. EEC - 4940 - Internship Early Childhood – Jane Govoni
    6. GEY 4401 Research Methods in Aging
    7. HFT 3894 International Food and Culture
    8. LIS 4934 Information Science Senior Capstone – John Abresch
    9. NSP 3667 Introduction to Global Health – Cathy Rogers
    10. OCE 2001 Introduction to Oceanography – HOLD off due to new classification.
    11. SPS 3003 The Meaning of Madness – Sara Callahan

The General Education Council meeting concluded at 3:48 p.m. (EST).

Upcoming General Education Council Meeting Schedule*

Spring 2024

1. February 05, 2024
2. February 19, 2024
3. March 04, 2024
4. March 18, 2024
5. April 01, 2024
6. April 15, 2024
7. May 06, 2024

Fall 2024 (Tentative)

1. August 19, 2024
2. September 16, 2024
3. October 07, 2024
4. October 21, 2024
5. November 04, 2024
6. November 18, 2024
7. December 02, 2024

Spring 2025 (Tentative)

1. January 27, 2025
2. February 03, 2025
3. February 17, 2025
4. March 03, 2025
5. March 17, 2025
6. April 07, 2025
7. April 21, 2025
8. May 5, 2025

*All General Education Council Meetings are scheduled to be held via Microsoft Teams