

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of April 6th, 2009

- Present: Scot Boeringer, Roger Boothroyd, Hunt Hawkins, Michael Bowen, Jane Noll, Paul Reller, Drew Smith, Ilene Frank, Ken Caswell, Kathy Laframboise, Ed Kellner, John Ferron, Jeff Ryan, Pat Maher, Scott Campbell
- Absent: Victor Peppard, C. David Frankel, Sonia Ramirez-Wohlmuth, Michael Gibbons, Eleni Manolaraki, Cheryl Zambroski
- Guests/Ex Officio: Janet Moore (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), Diane Williams (C21TE), Marvin Moore (Assessment), Felix Wao (Assessment)

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

The minutes of March 2nd, 2009 were approved.

Announcements

- Marvin Moore and Felix Wao spoke to the council regarding the latest assessment activities. Core area assessment is good, but weak in Scientific Processes. MAPP assessment is continuing and is also being administered online. Methods of indirect assessment (NSSE, senior survey) are starting soon and will contain some questions concerning General Education.

Old Business

- An amendment was proposed and approved to the minutes of February 2, 2009. The change clarifies the council's decision regarding the GE Core Curriculum's GPA requirement and individual course grade requirement.

Approved Courses

a) No Funding Request

1. AST2003 – Astronomy of the Solar System	
Core Area – Physical Sciences	Dimensions – CT, INQ, SCP, QUL
AST2003 is an introduction and overview of the astronomy of the solar system. It is designed to complement AST2004 to give a comprehensive overview of the science of astronomy.	
2. AST2004 – Stellar Astronomy/Cosmology	
Core Area – Physical Sciences	Dimensions – CT, INQ, SCP, QUL
AST2004 is an introduction and overview of the Stellar astronomy and Cosmology. It is designed to complement AST2003 to give a comprehensive overview of the science of Astronomy.	

b) Funding Request

1. AML3604 – African American Literature	
Core Area – Exit/Writing Intensive	Dimensions – CT, INQ, WLS
A study of black American literature from the nineteenth century to the present, including the works of such writers as W.E.B. Dubois, Jean Toomer, Langston Hughes, Richard Wright, Ralph Ellison, LeRoi Jones, and Nikki Giovanni.	
2. STA2023 – Introduction to Statistics	
Core Area – Mathematics	Dimensions – CT, INQ, SCP, QUL
Descriptive and Inferential Statistics; Principles of Probability Theory, Discrete and Continuous Probability Distributions: Binomial Probability Distribution, Poisson Probability Distribution, Uniform Probability Distribution, Normal Dist and more.	
3. MAC2281 – Engineering Calculus I	
Core Area – Mathematics	Dimensions – CT, INQ, SCP, QUL
Limits, differentiation, differentials, extrema, indefinite integrals.	

Review Issues

- HUM2210 and HUM3436 are to be returned for revisions and resubmission.
- Gladis Kersaint reminded the council that some review work will be necessary over the summer. Courses from Nursing and Mathematics are expected to be submitted and will need to be reviewed for approval as early as possible in Fall 2009..
- Gladis Kersaint also requested that all reviews be completed by the April 20 meeting.

Committee Reports

- Funding Committee**
 - Met on March 11 and allotted \$227,000 to courses. Will meet again on April 8 to act on courses approved since the last meeting. The committee will bring the final decision to a vote at the April 20 council meeting.
- Marketing**
 - Work is proceeding on a website as well as documents that will serve to inform incoming freshmen and transfer students about the requirements of the FKL curriculum and courses.
- Assessment**
 - It was discussed how assessment data, once collected, can be shared with faculty so that improvements can be made. It was proposed that “faculty coordinators” be nominated that will determine, based on the assessment results, what action will best lead to improvements. The intention is to ensure that the use of assessment data is a “faculty-driven” process.

d) **Recertification**

- There were no updates from the recertification committee. It was determined that the committee produce an outline of the things the recertification process will need to emphasize.

New Business

- There was some discussion about the burden placed on certain departments to meet FKL requirements presently set, such as upon the Biology department by the Life Science requirement. Most of the Life Science courses approved so far are from Biology, so it needs to be confirmed that the Biology departments can handle the expected number of students.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

The next meeting will be on April 20th, 2009.