

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of April 20th, 2009**

Present: Kathy Laframboise, C. David Frankel, Paul Reller, Drew Smith, Ilene Frank, Sonia Ramirez-Wohlmuth, Pat Maher, Jane Noll, Scot Boeringer, Ed Kellner, Roger Boothroyd, Michael Gibbons, John Ferron, Scott Campbell, Michael Bowen, Hunt Hawkins

Absent: Ken Caswell, Jeff Ryan, Victor Peppard, Eleni Manolaraki, Cheryl Zambroski

Guests/Ex Officio: Janet Moore (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), Diane Williams (C21TE), Bob Sullins (UGS), Glen Bestefield (UGS), Fraser Ottanelli (History), Bill Murray (History)

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

The minutes of April 6th, 2009 were approved.

Announcements

- Hunt Hawkins presided as chair in place of Gladis Kersaint, who was at a conference.

Old Business

- The need for a required historical dimension in the General Education program was discussed. In the current Liberal Arts Gen Ed curriculum, there is a 6-hour Historical Perspectives requirement. As originally conceived, the new FKL Core Curriculum would require students to take one course with the Human Historical Contexts and Processes dimension, moving to two courses in two years after implementation. Tracking this requirement, as a dimension, will be problematic given the current degree audit software and advising issues. What is needed is a clear and simple way for students and advisors to be aware of this requirement as part of Gen Ed and keep students on track for timely graduation. It was proposed to the council that one of the two required Humanities core area courses be an HHCP-approved course. This was discussed by the council but not approved so that HHCP courses in other core areas could have equal prominence for the HHCP dimension. The council discussed accelerating the implementation of the two-course HHCP requirement for Fall 2009. **A motion was approved to include two courses having the HHCP dimension in completion of requirements for the Gen Ed program, starting Fall 2009.**

Approved Courses

a) No Funding Request

1. BSC2011 - Biodiversity	
Core Area – Life Sciences	Dimensions – CT, INQ, SCP, ENP
Biodiversity is an analysis of biological systems at the organismal level: evolution, speciation, history of life, and ecology.	

2. PHI1401 – Science and Society	
Core Area – Physical Sciences	Dimensions – CT, INQ, SCP, ETP
As consumers of scientific information, it is our social obligation to understand how scientific knowledge comes about. This course is about the process of scientific inquiry, and about scientific knowledge as the product of such inquiry.	

Review Issues

- Volunteers from the council were solicited to work on course reviews during the summer. The following members volunteered: Michael Bowen, Drew Smith, Ilene Frank, Pat Maher, Hunt Hawkins, Scot Boeringer, Roger Boothroyd, Ed Kellner and David Frankel.

Committee Reports

a) **Funding Committee**

- Has met three times and produced a provisional funding proposal, as the final amount of available funds has not been determined. Funding has been allotted such that the core areas needing seats have been prioritized, but there is still some shortfall. Most courses are not being funded to the full extent of the funding request, and almost all of the proposed funding is for GA/TA support. **The council approved the proposal in principal though the final amounts may be different once the final available funding amount has been determined.**

New Business

- More council members are needed from the following colleges: 1 from the College of Arts and Sciences, 1 from the College of The Arts, 1 from Education, 2 from Engineering, 1 from Business, 1 from Nursing and 2 from Public Health.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.

The next meeting will be in the Fall semester