

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of November 17th, 2008

Present: Hunt Hawkins (CAS), C. David Frankel (VPA), Drew Smith (LIB), Ilene Frank (LIB), Kenneth Caswell (CAS), Scot Boeringer (Poly), Edward Kellner (COENG), Michael Gibbons (CAS), Scott Campbell (COENG), Michael Bowen (COB), Jane Noll (CAS), John Ferron (COEDU), Kathryn Laframboise (COEDU), Victor Peppard (CAS)

Absent: Philip Levy (excused), Joan Morris (excused), Paul Reller (excused), Cheryl Zambroski (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio: Janet Moore (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), Marvin Moore (Assessment)

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

The minutes of November 3rd were approved. Also approved were retroactive revisions to the minutes of the Fall 2008 semester to include more detailed information about approved courses.

Announcements

Regarding assessment issues, the council will now be working with Felix Wao and Marvin Moore.

Approved Courses

a) No Funding Request

1. LIT3383 – The Image of Women in Literature	
Core Area – Exit/Writing Intensive	Dimensions – CT, INQ, WLS
This course seeks to trace the origins of contemporary views about women, to analyze major Eastern and Western literary portrayals of women, to examine ideas about women's roles, and to compare and contrast cultural and racial images of women.	
2. PSC2515 – Energy and Humanity	
Core Area – Physical Sciences	Dimensions – CT, INQ, SCP, ENP
Explores energy use and its environmental impacts, including climate change. Energy resources, including alternatives to fossil fuels, are discussed. Basic science concepts as well as contemporary technologies are covered.	
3. REL3131 – New Religions in America	
Core Area – Cultural Diversity and Global Context	Dimensions – CT, INQ, HCP, GLC
This course entitled New Religions in America is designed to give students an overview of the rich religious history of America particularly in regard to the unique cultivation of new religious movements in America spanning from 1850 – the present.	

4. RUT3310 – 19th Century Russian Literature in English	
Core Area – Exit/Writing Intensive	Dimensions – CT, INQ, WLS
Masterpieces of 19th Century Russian Literature in English. Works by Pushkin, Gogol, Lermontov, Turgenev, Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Chekhov. Elective for all students in all departments.	

5. ANT4935 – Rethinking Anthropology	
Core Area – Social and Behavioral Sciences	Dimensions – CT, INQ, HCD, WLS
Through discussion of readings and student papers, students rethink and reevaluate anthropology as a discipline and the integration of its branches and specialty fields. Students develop and articulate their current images of anthropology.	

b) With Funding Request

1. GLY2010 – Dynamic Earth: Introduction to Physical Geology	
Core Area – Physical Sciences	Dimensions – CT, INQ, SCP, QUL
A first course in geology emphasizing the Earth's composition, structure, and dynamics. Lectures/activities include but are not limited to plate tectonics, earthquakes, volcanism, glaciation, global warming, shorelines, and natural resources.	

Review Issues

- It was suggested by the council that the course proposal site be changed to more explicitly solicit information from proposers regarding why an exit course should be accepted as either capstone or writing intensive.
- Proposals that were submitted on the course proposal website using the old template are to be judged using the same criteria as those submitted using the new template.
- EGN2080 is awaiting an update on concurrence from the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

New Business

- There was some discussion regarding the latest General Education assessment efforts. Dr. Kersaint explained that a set of learning outcomes are needed that represent the 'core' of the General Education program. These outcomes will need to be met by all students.
- The council broke up into groups to work on drafts of the learning outcomes. These drafts were then discussed and recorded for further consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.