

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of November 30th, 2009

Present: Kathy Laframboise, Paul Reller, Drew Smith, Sonia Wohlmuth, Ed Kellner, Roger Boothroyd, Michael Bowen, Hunt Hawkins, Jeff Ryan, Barbara Shircliffe, Sharon Geiger, Ken Caswell, Denise Passmore

Absent: John Ferron, Eleni Manolaraki, Cheryl Zambroski, Sandra Reynolds, Pat Maher

Guests/Ex Officio: Janet Moore (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), Diane Williams (C21TE)

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

The minutes of November 16th, 2009 were approved.

Announcements

- Kersaint has received significant interest from those who received the call for new Capstone courses
- The proposal database has been examined and the contacts for old proposals have been asked whether or not they intend to resubmit the course for GEC consideration. Abandoned and inactive courses have been removed.

Old Business

- **Ad Hoc committee Language** – The language approved by the council at the November 16 meeting regarding transfer credits is not enforceable at this time due to State Course Numbering System requirements. The language will remain in the minutes, and the GEC will work towards making the language enforceable.

Approved Courses

- No new courses were approved at this meeting

New Business

- There was discussion about how the council can ensure that changes made to already-existing courses are blessed by their respective colleges. The need for approval has come about after some confusion over the GEC approval of a course that was simultaneously being modified in the Undergraduate Council. It was suggested that the GEC could require a document noting college approval could be uploaded as part of the proposal process.
- Kersaint initiated a discussion with the council regarding ways that the General Education curriculum can be refined. It is thought that this can be done via the recertification process. It is hoped that the curriculum can be refined so as to ensure that all students are exposed to each of the dimensions. This would aid in assessment efforts. There was some discussion about whether certain dimensions could be combined so as it make it easier for all students to experience each dimension. Some suggestions included combining the inquiry process with the information literacy dimension and combining oral and written language into one dimension entitled communication. No decisions were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

The next meeting will be on January 4th, 2010.