

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of March 7th, 2011**

Present: Jane Noll (interim chair), Mary Fournier, Sonia Wohlmuth, Audrey Powers, Roger Boothroyd, Michael Bowen, Barbara Shircliffe, Jerry Collins Eleni Manolaraki,, Alison Oberne, Jianping Qi, Marty Gould, Jeff Cunningham, Sandy Reynolds

Absent: Karla Davis-Salazar (excused), Amy Thompson (excused), Audra Parker, Susan Silver, Greg Herbert, Phil Levy

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

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

The minutes of February 21st, 2010 were approved.

Announcements

- Jane Noll chaired the meeting in place of Karla Davis-Salazar.

Old Business

- **Recertification** – The current recertification cohort is under review and final reviews should be completed by 3/21 meeting. Recertification will be considered by the full council at the April 4 meeting.

New Business

- **Writing Intensive & non-English Writing** – The council decided that it is possible for a Writing Intensive course to be approved as such when the course’s writing assignments are in languages other than English. Since Gordon Rule approval is only available for courses in which writing is in English, this decision allows for Writing Intensive courses that are not also Gordon Rule courses. Sandra Reynolds volunteered to modify the Capstone Experience text and present the changes to the Council at the next meeting.
- **Capstone Instructor Requirements** – The council considered whether to formally require Capstone Experience courses to be taught by full-time faculty. Recognizing that departments have different types of instructors for different reasons and that the Capstone Experience may include internships and other non-traditional classroom courses, the Council agreed that variance in the types of instructors may be necessary. However, the Council will continue to pay special attention to the type of instructor and the descriptions of any GTA training, supervision, etc., when reviewing Capstone Experience proposals to ensure that there is sufficient rigor in these Capstone Experience courses.
- **Capstone Experience Requirements** - The GEC voted to require that all six Capstone Experience credits be earned in “USF-Tampa” courses.

Courses Approved

1. HSC4631 – Critical Issues in Public Health	
Core Area – Capstone	Dimensions – CT, INQ, IBL
This course provides students the opportunity to learn about the multiple ways to view	

controversial topics in public health. The course covers current public health topics including biomedical issues, social & behavioral factors related to health, and environmental issues.

Course Review Issues

- **EUH2022 – The Medieval West** - GEC voted to accept the proposed change from the Social and Behavioral Science Core area to the Humanities Core area.

Committee Reports

- **Marketing** – The council discussed which parties (students, instructors or advisors) on which to prioritize marketing efforts. Since advisors are already well-briefed on the FKL requirements, it was decided that students, then faculty, should be the priority for marketing efforts.
- **Funding** – The funding committee will meet before the next GEC meeting to consider the recent funding requests from approved courses.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm.

The next meeting will be on March 21st, 2010 at 3pm in SVC 2080.