

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
General Education Council  
Minutes of August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Phil Levy, Sonia Wohlmuth, Jane Noll, Michael Bowen, Barbara Shircliffe, Sandra Reynolds, Audrey Powers, Marty Gould, Roger Boothroyd, Sharon Geiger, Greg Herbert, Alison Oberne, Jerry Collins, Jianping Qi, Eleni Manolaraki

Absent: Amy Thompson (excused), Denise Passmore, Jeff Cunningham (excused)

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

The minutes of August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were approved.

**Announcements**

- **Gordon Rule Writing and USF System campuses** – Existing courses approved by the GEC to change to Gordon Rule Writing have become problematic when System campuses do not wish to teach the courses as Gordon Rule Writing courses. Due to system articulation agreements, those courses taken at system campuses must count towards GenEd and Gordon Rule requirements at the Tampa campus. As a result, in some cases, students are receiving Gordon Rule Writing credit for courses taken at other system campuses where the content of the course does not meet the Gordon Rule Writing requirements. Possible solutions to this issue were discussed, including asking faculty to request new course numbers from the state for those courses that are changed to Gordon Rule Writing. Another was to require that Gordon Rule courses be taken at the USF Tampa campus for USF Tampa-based students. It was requested that a more significant understanding of the degree of this problem be reached before further action is taken.

**Course Approvals**

<b>1. IDH3400 – Social and Behavioral Science Honors – COURSE APPROVED</b>	
Core Area – Social and Behavioral Science	Dimensions – CT, INQ, GLC, HCD
Introduction to the concerns of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, methods of inquiry, discovery, and validation of knowledge. A survey of the way various disciplines examine the question of how society is organized.	

**New Business**

- **Core Area Issues**
  - i. The Honors College has requested that IDH 3100 be moved from the Humanities to the Fine Arts core area. A team of reviewers was assigned to review the appropriateness of this course for the Fine Arts core area.
  - ii. Reviewers were instructed to ensure that they review course proposals with attention paid to the appropriateness for the chosen core area. In some cases, if requested, courses may be approved to count for more than one Core Area.
- **GEC Committees** – 3 committees were formed: Funding, Marketing and Recertification. Jane Noll was appointed chair of the Recertification committee, Amy Thompson chair of the Marketing committee, and Mike Bowen chair of the Funding committee. Committees are expected to meet independently and update the full council each meeting as to their progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm so that the newly formed committees could meet. The next meeting will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in SVC 5012.