

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of September 20th, 2010

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Phil Levy, Sonia Wohlmuth, Jane Noll, Michael Bowen, Barbara Shircliffe, Marty Gould, Roger Boothroyd, Sharon Geiger, Amy Thompson, Greg Herbert, Alison Oberne, Jerry Collins, Jianping Qi, Eleni Manolaraki, Rose Rezaei
Absent: Sandy Reynolds (excused), Audrey Powers (excused), Denise Passmore, Jeff Cunningham

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

The minutes of August 30th, 2010 were approved.

Committee Reports

- **Marketing** – Alison Oberne reported as chair of the committee. They are looking at ways to target marketing efforts to the needed groups (advisors, faculty). The use of a survey can determine where faculty are lacking information about the FKL requirements. For students, there was some discussion about a flyer or poster contest.
- **Recertification** – Jane Noll reported as chair of the committee. The needs of recertification are taking shape. The process will request from departments information about course consistency and revisions. There will be no request for assessment data. A full report will occur at the next meeting.

Course Approvals

1. GLY2073 – Global Climate Change: A Geoscience Perspective – COURSE APPROVED	
Core Area – Natural (Physical) Science	Dimensions – CT, INQ, ENP, QUL
A geoscience perspective on global climate change science. Examination of the geophysics of climate, geologic history of climate change, physical factors that influence climate, and global climate modeling. Open to all students.	

Course Review Issues

- Review of IDH3100 for relocation to CAFA was tabled until the next meeting.
- Team Review Leaders have been assigned.
- A 30-day turnaround on reviews is desired.
- EUH2021 and NUR4636 will be returned.

New Business

- **Report to Deans and Provosts about General Education** – Associate Dean Janet Moore summarized a report concerning the status of General Education at USF. She emphasized similarities between the FKL curriculum and the AAC&U's concept of General Education. Compared to the old Liberal Arts Gen Ed, the new FKL curriculum features fewer courses, built-in assessment and recertification. The new program is a fully integrated curriculum – not just a

“check off the boxes” set of curriculum requirements. This helps the FKL curriculum integrate nicely with the University’s goals as outlined in the Quality Enhancement Plan (INSPIRE). She reported that information about the new curriculum was well received by the audience.

- **Global Citizenship Certificate Initiative** – Karla Davis-Salazar, GEC Chair, introduced a new initiative to produce a “Globally focused” curriculum for participation in a call by the AAC&U. The goal for the curriculum is one that produces a “Global Citizen”. The new curriculum would not replace the current GenEd but only serve as an additional program feature for some undergraduates. The curriculum consists of a set of integrated course “clusters” that students can choose based on their own interests. Successful completion of the program will result in study abroad opportunities and a Certificate in Global Citizenship. It is also expected that this curriculum will assist with Student Success initiatives. The program is still very much in progress and input is sought from GEC members. It was suggested that the program include a foreign language requirement.
- **Capstone Experience** – Discussion occurred over how to characterize a “Capstone Experience” requirement in the FKL. It is agreed that a move from the 3 credit hour Capstone requirement to the more flexible Capstone Experience is a good move. Phil Levy, Mike Bowen, and Jerry Collins volunteered to serve on an ad hoc committee to propose language that expresses the requirements of the “Capstone Experience”.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38pm.

The next meeting will be on October 4th at 3pm in SVC 5012.