

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
**General Education Council**  
**Minutes of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

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

Absent: Phil Levy (excused), Amy Thompson (excused), Greg Herbert (excused), Rose Rezaei (excused)

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

The minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were approved.

**Announcements**

- Roger Boothroyd informed the council that he put together a checklist for course reviews. The document will be distributed to GEC members via email.
- NUR4636, a capstone course for the Nursing program, has been administratively approved in order to allow a number of current Nursing students to graduate. The course is currently under review by the GEC.

**Committee Reports**

- **Capstone Experience committee** – The committee has reviewed other “Capstone Experience” models and will have a proposal for the Council soon.
- **Recertification Committee** – The recertification committee distributed a form that will be completed for each course that is up for recertification. The council, in discussion, requested that amendments be made to the form so as to solicit information about Inquiry-based learning strategies as well as information about when the course has been offered. The council voted to approve the form, as amended.

**Course Approvals**

<b>1. HIS4936 – Proseminar in History: Special Topics – COURSE APPROVED</b>	
Core Area – Exit/Capstone	Dimensions – CT, INQ, HHCP
Advanced topics in the various fields of history. Emphasis on discussion of assigned readings and on research and writing of a major paper.	
<b>2. PHM4331 – Modern Political Philosophy – COURSE APPROVED</b>	
Core Area – Exit/Writing Intensive	Dimensions – CT, INQ, ETP
A survey of political philosophy from 1600 A.D. until 1900 A.D., including an examination of the ethical, metaphysical, and epistemological bases of these philosophies.	

### **Course Review Issues**

- ARC2701 and ARC 2702 were discussed due to their small class size. While there are no rules excluding small classes from the Core Curriculum, admitting small courses to the curriculum could lead to an unwelcome increase in the size of the curriculum. No decision was made regarding this course, but it was suggested that in the future it could be desirable to have a 'threshold' size for Core FKL courses.
- AFA4931, EUH2021 and PHC4720 will be returned for revisions.

### **New Business**

- The timeline for "closing off" the general education portion of the FKL curriculum from new submissions was discussed. There was agreement that closing should occur at some point, but when to do so is not clear. It was suggested that an "unmet need" analysis take place to find where additions to the Core might still be needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48pm.

The next meeting will be on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in SVC 5012.