

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of October 18th, 2010

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Phil Levy, Sandy Reynolds, Sonia Wohlmuth, Jane Noll, Michael Bowen, Barbara Shircliffe, Audrey Powers, Roger Boothroyd, Sharon Geiger, Greg Herbert, Alison Oberne, Jerry Collins, Eleni Manolaraki, Amy Thompson, Mary Fournier, Rose Rezaei

Absent: Marty Gould (excused), Jianping Qi (excused)

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 October 4th, 2010 were approved.

Guest Speakers

- Steve RiCharde of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment spoke to the council about the Fifth Year Assessment Report recently completed. As a result of the work of the council, the Faculty Assessment Coordinators and the OIE&A, data pipelines have been opened for each of the FKL dimensions. There should be sufficient evidence to show that we are following the promises laid out in the QEP. More work needs to be done to increase awareness of FKL and assessment requirements among participating instructors. Any further questions can be directed to the OIE&A.

Announcements

- The Humanities and Cultural Studies department requested that AMS3602 be withdrawn from GEC consideration. As a result, AMS3602 is withdrawn.
- A specialist on Inquiry-based Learning, Virginia Lee, will be giving a workshop on integrating Inquiry into pedagogy on Tuesday, October 26th. She will be speaking specifically to First Year Composition instructors and later to GenEd instructors generally. GEC members are invited to the afternoon session starting at 3pm in SVC 2080.
- The Global Citizenship Certificate discussed at the September 20th meeting was selected by the AAC&U. While this is not a change to the GenEd program, it is hoped that this curriculum can be well integrated with the FKL and strengthen the GenEd program for those students desiring more global emphasis.

Old Business

- A decision needs to be made about when to close the first 36 hour portion of the FKL curriculum. We have enough seats in currently approved courses to cover student need. We want to avoid having too many courses included in the curriculum so that it stays a manageable and coherent whole. The council voted to close the curriculum for new submission on December 1st, 2010, and to require that proposals be approved by May 2nd, 2011. After these dates, there will be provisions to handle new courses on a case-by-case basis, so that the FKL remains as a "living" curriculum. Notice of these deadlines will be sent to department chairs.

Committee Reports

- **Capstone Experience committee** – The committee is working on an outline for a new characterization of the Capstone experience. Broadly construed, the CE will be a meaningful

synthesis of knowledge that is summative and project-intensive. A proposal will be distributed and discussed at the next meeting.

- **Marketing Committee** – The committee is still gathering info. There is a query to the Council of Academic Advisors to determine what kind of information is needed by the university advisors.

Course Approvals

1. EDF3514 – History of Education in the U.S. – COURSE APPROVED	
Core Area – Social and Behavioral Science	Dimensions – CT, INQ, HHCP, WLS
History of childhood, education, and schooling in the U.S. from early European and African contact to the present.	

Course Review Issues

- IDH3100 is being reviewed for inclusion on the CAFA course by representatives from the Fine Arts.
- GEO4372, HSC4631 and HUM4931 are not ready to be approved and will be returned.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46pm.

The next meeting will be on November 1st at 3pm in SVC 2002.