UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of April 2, 2012

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Alison Oberne, Barbara Shircliffe, William Cummings, Dan Belgrad, David Frankel, Denise Maguire, Gerald Woods, Jane Noll, Jeff Cunningham, Jerry Collins, Manish Agrawal, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, Marty Gould, Samantha Toro, Sandra Czerwinski, Sandy Reynolds, Scott Rimbey, Susan Silver

Absent: Annette Christy (excused), Audra Parker, Audrey Powers, James Bodden, Jianping Qi (excused), Mary Fournier, Shazia Mitha, Stephan Schindler (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio/ Resource Staff: Janet Moore (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), Lindsay Skillman (UGS)

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

The minutes of March 5, 2012 were approved.

Announcements

1. Letters for the third cohort of courses up for recertification went out. It is unlikely that any of these will be submitted in time for review before the end of the semester.

New Business

1. Legislative changes to General Education requirements

    - The Florida state legislature has passed an item through both the House and Senate that states that the number of General Education hours will be reduced from 36 to 30 hours, effective Fall 2014. The governor still has to approve it at this point. The state will determine at least 15 hours of courses by creating a statewide committee to determine the requirements in the following areas: communications, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and math. Each of these areas can be fulfilled by taking a course selected from among a selection of no more than five courses. The remaining 15 hours will be determined by the university. The Florida Administrative Rule 6A-10.030 “Gordon Rule” and the BOG Regulation 6.017 are still in place. The Undergraduate Studies office will keep the council members informed on the latest update regarding these changes.

2. Request from Department of Humanities to propose lower-level courses

    - The council agreed that deactivating one course and replacing it with another course in the same core area was acceptable. The request to add an additional course to accommodate a new faculty member was not approved.

Old Business

- None

New Courses Approved

1. ANT 2331– Human and Cultural Diversity in a Global Context: Global Health from a Social Science Perspective (3 credit hours)	
Core Area – CAGC	Dimensions – CRT, IBL, GLC, HCD
Using global health as a lens, this course will introduce students to critical interdisciplinary challenges that will shape the world in the future. It combines classroom and experiential learning while accessing the extraordinary resources of London.	
2. EEL 4914 - Senior Design Project	
Core Area – CPST	Dimensions – CRT, IBL, QUL
Students apply the knowledge acquired in the classroom to design a system which meets a predetermined set of specifications. Students work individually or in groups with a faculty member (project director) in their area of interest. (Majors only.)	
3. REL 4931 – Seminar in Religion	
Core Area – WRIN	Dimensions – CRT, IBL, WLS
Majors and minors only or CI A course required for Religious Studies majors and minors, whose prior religious studies have prepared them for a cooperative creative and/or research effort in the area of religion.	

Recertification Proposals

- Under Review
    1. THE4330 - Shakespeare for the Theatre was held until the next meeting for feedback from all reviewers.

Substantive Change

1. Course name change was approved; EDF 3604 Social Foundations of Education is now Schools Society.

Course Review Issues

1. Reviewers were assigned for NUR4634C and REL4499.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

The next meeting of the GEC will occur on April 16, 2012, in SVC 5012.