

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of August 29th, 2011

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Greg Herbert, Jane Noll, William Cummings, Arnie Mejias, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, Manish Agrawal, Scott Rimbey, Dan Belgrad, Denise Maguire, Sandra Czerwinski, Audrey Powers, Jerry Collins, Susan Silver, Marty Gould

Absent: Alison Oberne (excused), Audra Parker, Jeff Cunningham (excused), Barbara Shircliffe (excused), Jianping Qi, Sandy Reynolds (excused) , Mary Fournier (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio/ Resource Staff: Michael Kanning (UGS), Janet Moore (UGS), Cynthia Brown Hernandez (UGS), Diane Williams (ATLE)

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

The minutes of May 2nd, 2011, were approved.

Announcements

- Chair Karla Davis-Salazar welcomed returning members and introduced new members.

Old Business

- **Global Citizenship Program** – This program welcomed its inaugural cohort of students this week. Currently, the students are taking 2 FKL courses.
- **QEP Update** – The QEP 5th year report, submitted last academic year, was well received by SACS. Overall we passed the 5th year review process, but the GEC will need to continue its efforts to refine and assess the General Education curriculum.
- **FKL Program changes** – The council was reminded that the FKL lower-level portion was closed for new submissions on December 1st 2010. The Capstone Experience portion of the FKL curriculum remains open and in need of new courses for many degree programs. Members were advised to help spread awareness of these changes and encourage the submission of new Capstone Experience courses.
- **GEC Funding** – The funding committee carefully considered proposals for courses requesting funding and established a tiered set of recommendations for any available funds to support FKL course offerings. At this time, no money has been made available from the Provost's Office for new financial support. This does not impact existing funding support commitments.

New Business

- **Roster Vacancies** – Members were requested to spread the word about open seats on the GEC. The upcoming cohort of recertification proposals will require significant effort, and a full roster would result in a reduced amount of work for all members.

Courses Approved

- No new courses were approved at this meeting.

Course Review Issues

- WST3370, a lower-level course proposal, was not approved by the May 5th,2011 deadline.
- New submissions COM4958 and REL4931 are ready to be reviewed.
- MAC1147 and WST4310 are ready to be reviewed again.
- The proposal to add IDH5975 as an FKL course was looked at by the Graduate Council and they do not foresee any complications. However, no dimensions document was included in the proposal, so the proposal was returned.
- The recertification proposal for SYG2010 was returned and the department has replied with an updated recertification proposal. The previous review team will re-review this proposal.
- A question was asked about requesting the addition of second core areas to existing FKL courses. Such requests should come to the council using the [GEC Substantive Change](#) form and will be reviewed by a three-person review team.

Committees

- Until future plans dictate otherwise, members will serve on at least one GEC committee. Committee needs and assignments will be reviewed and appointments confirmed following members' email of preferences. The three committees from 2010-2011 were: Funding, Recertification and Marketing. With recent changes in budgets and following approval of the Fifth Year QEP Report, the GEC will need to plan what committees are needed in 2011-2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51pm.

The next meeting of the GEC will occur on September 19th in SVC 5012.