

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of September 19th, 2011

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Jane Noll, William Cummings, Arnie Mejias, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, Manish Agrawal, Scott Rimbey, Dan Belgrad, Jianping Qi, Denise Maguire, Sandra Czerwinski, Audrey Powers, Jerry Collins, Susan Silver, Alison Oberne, Jeff Cunningham, Sandy Reynolds, Mary Fournier, Samantha Toro, James Bodden, Shazia Mitha

Absent: Marty Gould (excused), Barbara Shircliffe (excused), Audra Parker (excused)

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

The minutes of August 29, 2011 were approved.

Announcements

- Chair Karla Davis-Salazar discussed the annual appointments for General Education Faculty Assessment Coordinators. Janet Moore added that assessment need not be conducted this year with the intensity that it has been performed in the previous AY. Only a selection of the areas and dimensions of the FKL program will be targeted for assessment each year. The FAC for 2011-2012 are as follows:
 - William Cummings (Human Historical Context and Processes)
 - Mary Fournier (Creative and interpretive Processes and Dimensions)
 - Scott Rimbey (Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning)
 - Eric Duke (Human and Cultural Diversity, Global Context)
 - Karla Davis-Salazar (Writing Intensive)

Old Business

- **Roster Vacancies** – There still exist a few open seats on the GEC. The Faculty Senate, who is responsible for appointing GEC members, recently put out a call for more nominations, so it is expected that many of these seats will be filled.

New Business

- **Recertification Website** – Michael Kanning from the Undergraduate Studies office discussed with the council a web-based version of the Recertification approval form. The online form addresses some compatibility and distribution issues encountered with the PDF form used last year. It also provides an easier way for faculty to submit the required information and GEC reviewers to review that information. Comments and discussion about the course recertifications will still need to take place via email. Some edits to the form were suggested by GEC members.
- **Recertification Committee** – In order to help refine and further develop the recertification process, the recertification committee membership was established. The membership is previous members Jane Noll and Sandy Reynolds, and new members Mary Fournier, Denise Maguire, Alison Oberne and Jeff Cunningham.

New Courses Approved

1. COM4958 – Communication Senior Capstone	
Core Area – Capstone	Dimensions – CT, INQ, CPE
This capstone course for the Communication major features projects linking theory to practice, real world communication situations, and critical analysis of audiences and issues. Senior standing. For majors only.	

New Course Review Issues

- **MAC1147** - Reviewers noted that the proposal for this course strongly depends on receipt of GEC funds in order to properly implement the core requirements of the FKL. Given that funding is unlikely to be available, it was discussed how this course could be approved as an FKL course. This course presents difficulties because most state institutions offer this course as a General Education course, and transfer students expect for this course to count towards General Education requirements. It was decided that the review would continue and these issues be revisited once the review is completed.
- **REL4931** – This proposal will be returned to clarify Gordon Rule appropriateness and Course Objectives.
- **WST4310** – A number of problems were noted with this re-review. The chair will take up these issues with the proposer.

Recertifications

- **SYG2010** – The recertification re-review of this course was **approved. The course is now recertified for the period August 2011 to December 2016.**

Substantive Changes

- A request to split the FKL-approved course **LAH2020** into two courses was considered, particularly how such a proposal would be handled by the GEC. It was decided that in this case, two new course proposals would need to be submitted for each of the new courses so that they can be properly vetted and submitted to SCNS.
- The request to move the Core Area of **IDH3100** from Humanities to Fine Arts was not approved after reviewers deemed that the sample syllabi and learning outcomes provided focused primarily on topics related to the Humanities and not the Fine Arts.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26pm.

The next meeting of the GEC will occur on October 3rd in SVC 5012.