

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of October 3rd, 2011

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Jane Noll, William Cummings, Arnie Mejias, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, Scott Rimbey, Dan Belgrad, Marty Gould, Jianping Qi, Sandra Czerwinski, Jerry Collins, Barbara Shircliffe, Susan Silver, Jeff Cunningham, Sandy Reynolds, Samantha Toro, Shazia Mitha

Absent: Denise Maguire (excused), Audra Parker (excused), Manish Agrawal (excused), Audrey Powers, Alison Oberne, Mary Fournier (excused), James Bodden

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes of September 19th, 2011 were approved with minor revisions.

New Business

- **MyReviewers** – Joe Moxley, Diane Donnelly and Shelly Hayes demonstrated to the council a tool under development to assist in writing assignment evaluation and assessment. The tool is currently being used for evaluation and peer review in ENC 1101 and 1102 by instructors and students, and is being designed around a rubric-based assessment method used across the First-Year Composition program, with future plans to allow use of varied rubrics. In addition to instructor evaluation, MyReviewers also provides rich peer-review functionality, as well as data reporting features designed to enhance analysis and tracking of grade data. The council discussed issues related to the use of MyReviewers in the assessment of the FKL, particularly the Writing Intensive Capstones. GEC member Dan Belgrad, Bill Cummings, Mariam Manzur-Leiva and Barbara Shircliffe volunteered to participate in further review and discussion of the possible use of this tool in FKL assessment.

Old Business

- **Recertification Scheduling** – There is a problem in the recertification scheduling such that some semesters, including summer semesters, have very heavy recertification loads (more than -60 courses) while other semesters have very light loads (less than 10 courses). Two revised, balanced versions of the recertification schedule were presented to the council to choose from: one that balanced the annual recertification load across the entire academic year (including Summer semesters) and another that balanced the work across only Fall and Spring semesters. The GEC decided to **approve the new recertification schedule that does not include summer efforts**, due to the fact that many GEC members are on 9-month contracts.

New Courses Approved

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| 1. MAC1147 - Precalculus Algebra and Trigonometry | |
| Core Area – Mathematics | Dimensions – CT, INQ, SCP, QUL |
| Topics from trigonometry: angles, properties and graphs of trigonometric functions, right triangles, trig equations, laws of sines and cosines. Topics from algebra: systems of equations, conic sections, sequences and series, polar coordinates. | |

New Course Review Issues

- **IDS2331 – Grand Challenges: Global Health** – The council was asked to decide whether or not to allow a proposal for a new lower-level FKL course in the Human and Cultural Diversity in a Global Context (CAGC) Core Area. This is one core area that is in some need of additional seats. The council voted to **allow consideration of this course** once it has been approved by the College of Arts and Sciences.
- **EEL4914** – Reviewers were assigned to this new proposal for a Capstone course.

Recertifications

- **ANT2511** – The recertification re-review of this course was **approved. The course is now recertified for the period Summer 2011 through Spring 2016.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33pm.

The next meeting of the GEC will occur on October 17th in SVC 5012.