

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
**General Education Council**  
**Minutes of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Gerald Woods, Jane Noll, William Cummings, Dan Belgrad, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, Jianping Qi, Marty Gould, Jerry Collins, Barbara Shircliffe, Scott Rimbey, Audrey Powers, Susan Silver, Jeff Cunningham, Mary Fournier, Stephan Schindler, James Bodden

Absent: Alison Oberne, Manish Agrawal, Samantha Toro, Shazia Mitha (excused), Sandy Reynolds (excused), Audra Parker (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio/ Michael Kanning (UGS), Janet Moore (UGS), John Moorhead, Arnie Mejias, Sandra  
Resource Staff: Czerwinski, Denise Maguire

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

The minutes of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were approved.

**New Business**

- **Classroom Capture** – This new initiative will digitally record lectures in high enrollment courses and make the videos available for students in an electronic repository accessible only to USF students. This is of interest to GEC members because many of the targeted courses are popular FKL courses. The university has already purchased software to facilitate this program. Participation is totally voluntary – if any GEC faculty are interested, contact the chair.
- **Critical Thinking Task Force** – Questions have arisen in response to the ways in which Critical Thinking within the FKL curriculum is to be assessed. To help address these questions and related issues, a Critical Thinking Task Force has been established, which will seek to clarify the concept of ‘Critical Thinking’ at work in the FKL curriculum, and analyze the potential means of assessment.

**New Courses Approved**

<b>1. REL2307 – Introduction to Religion and Ecology</b>	
Core Area – Human and Cultural Diversity in a Global Context	Dimensions – CT, INQ, HHCP, WLS
This course introduces students to the academic study of religion with a focus on the relationship between religion and ecology, and the developing subfield of Religious Studies concerned with this relationship.	

**Recertification**

- Reviewers were assigned to the following completed Recertification proposals: AMH2020, ANT4302, THE4330 and THE4401.

**Course Review Issues**

- **EVR4114** – Course will be **returned** due to issues with the requirements of the Capstone Core Area.
- **PHI4000** – Course will be **returned** due to issues with the ETP dimension
- **PHI4010** – Course will be **returned** due to issues with the IBL and IRD dimensions

- **PHI4800** – Course will be **returned** due to issues with the requirements of the Writing Intensive Capstone Core Area
- Reviewers were assigned for IDS4934 and MHS4225.

### **Substantive Changes**

- Substantive changes were made to the following approved FKL courses:
  1. AMS4935 – Alters prerequisites to position the course as part of a two-course sequence
  2. IDH3100 – Removes IDH2010 as a prerequisite, which is no longer a required course in the Honors curriculum. In its place, a requirement of “Admission to Honors Program” is added.
  3. IDH3350 – Same as above
  4. IDH3400 – Same as above
  5. IDH3600 – Same as above
  6. MUH4372 – Removes prerequisite to allow for enrollment from non-Music majors

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.

The next meeting of the GEC will occur on November 21<sup>st</sup> in SVC 5012.