

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of January 7, 2013

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Manish Agrawal, Dan Belgrad, Annette Christy, Jeff Cunningham, Sandy Czerwinski, Marty Gould, Chung Seop Jeong, Denise Maguire, Alison Oberne, Audra Parker, Audrey Powers, Sandy Reynolds, Scott Rimbey, Susan Silver, Gerald Woods

Absent: William Cummings, Mary Fournier, C. David Frankel, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, Stephan Schindler

Guests/Ex Officio/

Resource Staff: Janet Moore (UGS), Kevin Yee (ATLE), Sue RiCharde (UGS), Eric Weaver (Ph.D. student)

Welcome and Announcements

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

The minutes of December 3, 2012, were approved.

Old Business

Statewide General Education Project Update

Karla Davis-Salazar announced that all statewide Faculty Discipline Committees (Communication, Humanities, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences) have submitted their recommended courses to the Steering Committee, and all has been summarized on the FLDOE website (<http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/hb7135gep.asp>). The timeline for review process was also revised to include additional time for faculty review. Karla asked the group to plan on considering the adjustment to the mandated first 15 hours and as well as the remaining 15 hour requirements during our upcoming meetings.

The initial *recommended* statewide general education course options awaiting review and final state approval and their respective Learning Outcomes are as follows:

Communication

Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively. Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze communication critically.

ENC X101 English Composition I

Humanities

Students will demonstrate interpretive ability and cultural literacy. Students will demonstrate competence in reflecting critically upon the human condition.

ARH X000 Art Appreciation

HUM X020 Introduction to Humanities

LIT X100 Introduction to World Literature

MUL X010 Introduction to Music Literature/Music Appreciation

PHI X010 Introduction to Philosophy

Mathematics*

Students will determine appropriate mathematical and computational models and methods in problem solving, and demonstrate an understanding of mathematical concepts. Students will apply appropriate mathematical and computational models and methods in problem solving.

MAC X105 College Algebra

STA X023 Statistical Methods

MGF X106 Liberal Arts Mathematics I

MGF X107 Liberal Arts Mathematics II

Natural Sciences*

Students will demonstrate the ability to critically examine and evaluate scientific observation, hypothesis, or model construction, and the use of scientific method to explain the natural world. Students will successfully recognize and comprehend fundamental concepts, principles, and processes about the natural world.

BSC X005 General Biology

CHM X020 Chemistry for Liberal Studies

PHY X020 Fundamentals of Physics

ESC X000 Introduction to Earth Science

EVR X001 Introduction to Environmental Science

Social Science

Students will demonstrate the ability to examine behavioral, social, and cultural issues from a variety of points of view. Students will demonstrate an understanding of basic social and behavioral science concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavioral, social, and cultural issues, past and present, local and global.

PSY X012 Introduction to Psychology

SYG X000 Principles of Sociology

WOH X040 20th Century World History

CPO X001 Comparative Politics

ANT X000 Introduction to Anthropology

*For the mathematics and natural science core course options, the following policy should apply:

If a student completes a course in a subject area for which one of the general education core course options in the same subject area is a prerequisite, that student should be considered to have completed the portion of the core in that subject area. In some instances there may be courses similar in content in the general education program that are at a more advanced level, but do not include a core course as a prerequisite, in these instances the more advanced, similar course will be considered to have completed the portion of the core in that subject area.

New Business

FKL Course Approval Banner Deadlines

Karla Davis-Salazar briefed the council on course proposal Banner deadlines. She explained that each course proposal must be submitted, approved, and entered into Banner and Search-a-Bull before pre-registration begins for the next semester in order for the course to count as FKL that next semester. For example, a new FKL course approved in November cannot be offered as FKL until Summer 2013 at the earliest, due to spring registration having begun already. No action by the GEC is needed; this was informational only.

Approved Recertifications

- SYG 3235 Latina Lives (WRIN: HCD, WLS)
 - *Pending minor changes -APPROVED*

New Course Proposals – Review Team Needed

- Review team was selected for FRE 3500 French Civilization (CPST: WLS, IRD)

New Courses Approved

None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

The next meeting of the GEC will occur on February 4, 2013, in SVC 5012 at 3:00 p.m.