

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
General Education Council  
Minutes of February 18, 2013

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Manish Agrawal, Dan Belgrad, Annette Christy, William Cummings, Jeff Cunningham, Sandy Czerwinski, C. David Frankel, Marty Gould, Chung Seop Jeong, Denise Maguire, Sandy Reynolds, Scott Rimbey, Stephan Schindler, Susan Silver, Gerald Woods

Absent: Mary Fournier, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, Alison Oberne (excused), Audra Parker (excused), Audrey Powers (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio/

Resource Staff: Janet Moore (UGS), Kevin Yee (ATLE), Sue RiCharde (UGS), Arnie Mejias (Honors College)

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of February 4, 2013, were approved as submitted.

**Old Business**

Karla Davis-Salazar updated the council on the Global Citizenship Program.

- The first GC cohort of 23 students (from 2011) will be traveling abroad this summer.
- The 2012 cohorts (from Business, Honors, Engineering, and CAS) are progressing well.
- There will potentially be 100 more GC students added next year (2013), possibly from the COPH, CoEDU, The Arts, and CAS.
- The Global Citizenship Living Learning Community (GC LLC) is currently being formed for the 2013-2014 academic year. There are 56 places reserved in Holly G for GC LLC students. They will be a combination of returning GC students, and newly recruited, FTIC GC students.

Janet Moore and Karla Davis-Salazar updated the council on FKL Assessments.

- <http://www.acad.usf.edu/Office/IE/SACS%202010/index.html> (link to SACS 5th year interim report)
- Enhancements/improvements were seen in all areas in the 5<sup>th</sup> year report, i.e., Human and Cultural Diversity, Global Context, Creativity, and Writing.
- GEC will continue with ownership of FKL assessment once the state-wide changes have been made to general education.
- First Year Composition (FYC), Scientific Reasoning, Human & Cultural Diversity, and Global Context dimensions/core areas will be assessed this year.
- Assessment tools will include the Hett Global Mindedness Scale, and USF's rubrics.

Karla Davis-Salazar updated the council on the state-mandated general education changes.

- A presentation was recently made to a subcommittee within the House of Representatives on the progress of the statewide general education project.
- It was reported that there is, generally speaking, widespread receptiveness regarding similar issues that were discussed at the 2/4/13 GEC meeting, i.e., increasing General Education back to

36 hours; increasing the number of courses allowed in all areas; altering the mandated language to “must accept” from “must offer and accept;” moving the implementation date to Fall 2015; etc.

- The state’s steering committee will still be meeting and will encourage that decisions be made soon, however it was noted that the GEC may not have to meet twice per month while it is in waiting mode (unless there are courses needing review).
- There was discussion on the role of the GEC in the new USF QEP-Quality Enhancement Plan (action plan due late 2014/early 2015).
- A QEP steering committee will be appointed by the Provost soon.
- A QEP topic will be selected this summer.
- The new QEP is to grow out of the former one (which pertained to General Education and Undergraduate Research).
- The QEP selection is based on institutional research data, and is to be in alignment with the University of South Florida’s strategic plan, which includes global initiatives.
- The QEP must enhance student learning and requires broad-based involvement with different constituencies across the institution.
- The QEP must come from the faculty, answering the question: “Where are your students now, and how can we improve on that?”

#### **Recertifications Approved**

None (on hold)

#### **New Courses Approved**

IDH 5975 Honors Thesis (CLEX) was approved as follows:

IDH 5956 Honors Project (CPST) **APPROVED** pending removal of OLS dimension

IDH 5975 Honors Thesis (WRIN) **APPROVED** pending removal of OLS dimension

*Due to Banner system requirements, the CLEX designation can only be used for a 6-credit course offered in one semester. Two-course sequences cannot be designated as CLEX. Instead one course must be designated as WRIN and the other as CPST. In cases where the same course number is taken twice over two semesters, a new course number is required in order to designate one as WRIN and one as CPST.*

#### **New Courses Assigned Reviewers**

GLY 4921 Scientific Communication (WRIN: WLS)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting of the GEC is scheduled for March 4, 2013.