

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

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Manish Agrawal, Annette Christy, William Cummings, Jeff Cunningham, Sandy Czerwinski, C. David Frankel, Marty Gould, Chung Seop Jeong, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, Audrey Powers, Scott Rimbey, Susan Silver, Gerald Woods

Absent: Dan Belgrad, Mary Fournier, Denise Maguire (excused), Alison Oberne, Audra Parker (excused), Sandy Reynolds, Stephan Schindler (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 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 18, 2013, were approved as submitted.

Old Business

1. Update on General Education Project
 - a. The status quo is maintained, as nothing new has come from the state. There remains to be much interest in 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.
2. Update on Legislative Activity
 - a. Karla Davis-Salazar advised the council that a bill was filed on Friday, March 1, 2013 ([HB 1235](#), links to pdf copy) that revises the general education requirements to include 6 semester hours of United States history at the lower-division level. It hasn't yet been referred to any committee. Also, The House Higher Education and Workforce Committee will be discussing on Wednesday (3/6/13) a very large postsecondary education bill, the general education revisions are a part of this bill. [PCB HEWS 13-01](#).

New Business

1. Discussion of ESC 2000 Introduction to Earth Science
 - a. The General Education Council approved including this course in the FKL, but only if another course is decertified, in the interest of maintaining the size of USF's general education program. Both the College of Marine Science and the Geology departments were in agreement with this.

Recertifications

None (on hold until Fall 2013)

Substantive Changes

1. HUM 1020 The Arts (CAFA: CPE, IRD) – Change title to *Introduction to Humanities* **TABLED**
 - a. The council tabled this substantive change until more research can be done to resolve an issue with a possible error in the minutes from the April 7, 2008 GEC meeting. At this meeting, this course was approved with a core area of humanities; however the proposal stated that the core area was fine arts.

New Courses

1. GLY 4921 Scientific Communication (WRIN: WLS) **APPROVED**
 - a. Approval letter will contain suggestions to improve syllabus.

New Courses Assigned Reviewers

None at this time

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m. The next meeting of the GEC is scheduled for April 1, 2013.