

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

General Education Council

Minutes of April 1, 2013

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Manish Agrawal, Dan Belgrad, Jeff Cunningham, Sandy Czerwinski, C. David Frankel, Marty Gould, Denise Maguire, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, Audra Parker, Sandy Reynolds, Scott Rimbey, Stephan Schindler

Absent: Annette Christy (excused), William Cummings, Mary Fournier, Chung Seop Jeong (excused), Alison Oberne, Audrey Powers (excused), Susan Silver (excused), Gerald Woods (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio/

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

1. Welcome and Announcements
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the March 18, 2013 meeting were approved.
3. New Business
 - a. **4 to 3 Credit Hour Reduction for FKL Courses**
 - i. Karla Davis-Salazar explained to the council that the Provost recently approved that a selection of courses (including FKL courses) be reduced from 4 credit hours to 3 credit hours, in an effort to be in closer alignment with other SUS institutions. These courses include: ANT 2000, GEA 2000, GEO 2400, CCJ 3014, ARH 3001, ART 2201C, ART 2203C, and FIL 3854 (WRIN). Scott Rimbey added that these three FKL courses were also reduced to 3 credit hours: STA 2023, MAC 2233, and MAC 2241.
 - b. **Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)**
 - i. Karla Davis-Salazar explained the QEP to the council, stating that even though USF's SACS reaffirmation is not taking place until 2015, the QEP process begins now. She asked that the council begin thinking about the QEP and its possible topics as USF awaits the appointment of a QEP steering committee. Since the new QEP must grow out of the previous one, which for us was general education and undergraduate research, the General Education Council could end up playing a significant role in the new QEP. Karla expressed that a GEC Assessment subcommittee will need to be formed in Fall 2013 (QEPs are required, in part, to be based upon assessment results that indicate areas of student learning that need improvement). The GEC could utilize assessment data from USF's 5th Year Interim Report for SACS from 2011, plus additional data collected since then, to formulate suggestions for the QEP steering committee. [Link to 5th Year Interim Report](#). Surveys regarding possible QEP topics will be beginning on campus soon. Some QEP topic suggestions from General Education Council members included: global learning/perspectives, foreign languages, cultural efficiency, writing skills, oral presentation skills, graduation rates, and areas USF needs to improve upon for possible AAU membership inclusion.

4. Recertifications
 - a. **Release Holds on Capstone Course Recertifications**
 - i. Even though recertifications of FKL undergraduate courses are on hold currently until the state-wide changes are complete, Capstone (CPST) and Writing Intensive (WRIN) courses can be recertified beginning Fall 2013. The General Education Council approved the following updated schedule for 31 CPST and WRIN courses that are due for recertification: *10 proposals due September 9, 2013 (just before the 9/16/13 GEC meeting); 10 courses due October 1, 2013 (just before the 10/7/13 GEC meeting); and 11 courses due November 1, 2013 (just before the 11/04/13 GEC meeting).*
5. Substantive Changes
 - a. Previously Tabled Items
 - i. HUM 1020 – The Arts (CAFA: CPE, IRD) Change title to *Introduction to the Humanities* – **APPROVED**
6. New Course Proposals
 - a. Reviewers were assigned for **ESC 2000 Introduction to Earth Science (CANP: ENP, QUL)**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m. The next meeting of the GEC is scheduled for April 15, 2013.