

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of September 17, 2012

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Manish Agrawal, Dan Belgrad, Annette Christy, Jerry Collins, William Cummins, Sandy Czerwinski, C. David Frankel, Marty Gould, Ippokratis Kantzios, Denise Maguire, Alison Oberne, Audra Parker, Audrey Powers, Sandy Reynolds, Scott Rimbey, Stephan Schindler, Mary Fournier, Mariam Manzur-Leiva

Absent: Jeff Cunningham (excused), Susan Silver (excused), Gerald Woods (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio/

Resource Staff: Bob Sullins (UGS), Janet Moore (UGS), Ray McCrory (UGS)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes of April 2, 2012 were approved.

Announcements

- Dean Sullins provided greetings to the General Education Council and discussed issues related to the new General Education requirements mandated by the Florida State Legislature. General Education course requirements will be reduced from 36 to 30 semester credit hours, beginning with students initially entering a Florida College System institution in 2014-2015. Fifteen semester credit hours of general education core courses will consist of one course from five options in each of the subject areas of communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences. The remaining fifteen hours will be for the individual universities to determine. Dean Sullins took questions from the committee.
- Ippokratis Kantzios from CAS was welcomed as a new member of the General Education Council.

Old Business

- **Substantive Change to Proposal Questions for Capstone Courses:** The GEC voted to add the following question to the Dimensions Document: Please provide evidence for the way the course provides students with a culminating educational experience and integrates multiple areas of knowledge and dimensions, as stated in the description of the Capstone course.

New Business

- **State Changes to General Education – Implications for Recertification:** A discussion was held on the implications of the new state general education requirements on the recertification process. Depending on the courses selected by the state for inclusion in each core area, departments may seek different strategies in their course offerings. Therefore, the GEC voted to pause the recertification process until the end of spring 2013 when the state is expected to have completed its work. Recertification proposals that have already been submitted will be reviewed. Departments with outstanding proposals will be given the option of submitting those proposals for review or waiting until spring 2013. Chair Davis-Salazar will send a letter to departments notifying them of the hold on the recertification process.

Recertification Proposals

Assignments of reviewers were made for the recertification of the following courses:

- AMH 2010 – American History I (CAHU: HHCP, HCD)
- EUH 2011 – Ancient History I (CAHU: HHCP, HCD)
- EUH 2022 – The Medieval West (CAHU: HHCP, HCD)
- QMB 2100 – Business and Economics Statistics I (CAQR: QUL, SCP)
- PSY 2012 – Introduction to Psychological Science (CASB: HCD, SCP)
- SYG 3235 – Latina Lives (WRIN: HCD, WLS)
- SYP 4420 – Consumer Culture (WRIN: IRD, WLS)
- THE 3110 – Theatre History I (CPST: CPE, HHCP)
- THE 3111 – Theatre History II (CPST: CPE, HHCP)
- THE 4562 – Contemporary Performance Theory (CPST: CPE, HHCP)

New Course Proposals

Assignments of reviewers were made for the following new course proposals:

- IDH 5975 – Honors Thesis (CLEX)
- MAT 4938 – Research Experience in Mathematics (CPST)
- PSY 4932 – Honors Seminar in Psychology (CLEX)

The following new course proposal was resubmitted and will be reviewed.

- EVR 4114 – Climate Change (CPST)

Global Citizenship Program

- Karla Davis-Salazar and Janet Moore presented an overview and status update of the Global Citizenship Program. The first cohort from the College of Arts and Sciences is entering its second year. Three new cohorts began this fall, one in the College of Engineering, one in the College of Business, and one in the Honors College. There are now 100 students in the program.
- USF's first Global Citizenship Conference, sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Studies and the General Education Council, was held on Aug. 22, 2012. Indira Nair, Professor of Engineering and Vice Provost Emeritus at Carnegie Mellon University, was the keynote speaker. The goal of the conference was to explore ways to enhance undergraduates' understanding of global issues through general education and the majors. Approximately 50 people from across the campus attended. Feedback regarding the conference has been very positive.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

The next meeting of the GEC will occur on October 1, 2012, in SVC 5012.