

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of October 01, 2012

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Dan Belgrad, Annette Christy, Jerry Collins, William Cummings, Jeff Cunningham, Mary Fournier, C. David Frankel, Marty Gould, Ippokratis Kantzios, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, Audra Parker, Sandy Reynolds, Scott Rimbey, Stephan Schindler, Gerald Woods

Absent: Manish Agrawal, Sandy Czerwinski, Denise Maguire (excused), Alison Oberne, Audrey Powers (excused), Susan Silver (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio/

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

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

The minutes of September 17, 2012 were approved.

Announcements

- Jerry Collins announced his resignation from General Education Council to accept a position as Vice Provost of Bachelor's Programs at Florida State College Jacksonville.
- Kevin Yee, new Director of the Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ATLE), was introduced.

Old Business

- **Substantive Change to Proposal Questions for Capstone and Writing Intensive Courses:** The GEC reviewed revised wording and additional questions in the Dimensions Document regarding Capstone (CPST), Writing Intensive (WRIN), and Capstone Learning Experience (CLEX) courses that had been approved at the Sept. 17th meeting and voted to add the same wording and questions to the Recertification Form. The additional questions ask for evidence and explanation of how CPST and CLEX courses provide culminating educational experiences and how WRIN courses incorporate process writing.
- **State Changes to General Education (HB 7135) – Implications for Recertification:** Chair Davis-Salazar reported that a letter was sent on Oct. 1 to departments with pending recertification proposals notifying them of the option to proceed with recertification this semester or to wait until the end of spring 2013 once the statewide general education committees have identified the 25 courses.
- **Update on Statewide General Education Committees:** The GEC chair announced the USF faculty nominated by the state General Education Steering Committee to serve on the statewide general education committees tasked with identifying 5 courses to be included in each of the 5 subject areas. The USF representatives are Bob Potter for natural sciences, Karla Davis-Salazar for social sciences, Marcus McWaters for mathematics, and Hunt Hawkins as alternate for communication. The state General Education Steering Committee did not select a USF faculty member for representation on the humanities committee.

New Business

- **Question regarding Credits Hours for CLEX Courses:** The question of whether or not the CLEX experience was limited to only 6 credits was raised, as a department would like to propose a 10-credit hour internship experience as a CLEX. Associate Dean Moore explained that 6 of those 10 credits hours could count toward the CLEX, so proposing a 10-credit hour experience with 6 of those hours designated as fulfilling CLEX is not an issue.

Recertification Courses Approved

- EUH 2011 – Ancient History I (CAHU: HHCP, HCD) (upon decertification of HUM 2466)
- QMB 2100 – Business and Economics Statistics I (CAQR: QUL, SCP)
- PSY 2012 – Introduction to Psychological Science (CASB: HCD, SCP)
- THE 4562 – Contemporary Performance Theory (CPST: CPE, HHCP)

Recertification Proposals Under Review

- EUH 2011 – Ancient History I (CAHU: HHCP, HCD)
- EUH 2022 – The Medieval West (CAHU: HHCP, HCD)
- 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)

New Courses Approved

- PSY 4932 – Honors Seminar in Psychology (CLEX)
- EVR 4114 – Climate Change (CPST)

New Course Proposals Under Review

- MAT 4938 – Research Experience in Mathematics (CPST)

New Course Proposals to be Returned

- IDH 5975 – Honors Thesis (CLEX)

New Course Proposals

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

- HUM 2273 – The Cultures of East and West II (CAGC)

Assignments of reviewers were made for the following resubmitted course proposal:

- REL 4499 – Classics of Christian Thought (CPST)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the GEC will occur on October 15, 2012, in SVC 5012.