

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of October 15, 2012

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Sandy Czerwinski, C. David Frankel, Denise Maguire, Susan Silver, Gerald Woods

Absent: Manish Agrawal, Dan Belgrad, Annette Christy (excused), William Cummings, Jeff Cunningham (excused), Mary Fournier (excused), Marty Gould, Ippokratis Kantzios (excused), Mariam Manzur-Leiva (excused), Alison Oberne, Audra Parker (excused), Audrey Powers (excused), Sandy Reynolds, Scott Rimbey, Stephan Schindler

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.

There was not a quorum, so the minutes of October 1, 2012, were not approved.

Announcements

- Karla Davis-Salazar spoke about her recent trip to Panama in preparation of a study abroad trip for the first cohort of the Global Citizenship Program.
- The first of two USF Strategic Plan Town Halls was held on Oct. 10. The second town hall will be held on Oct. 16. Chair Davis-Salazar encouraged GEC members to attend.

Old Business

- **Update on Statewide General Education Committees:** The GEC chair announced that the first meetings of the statewide general education committees tasked with identifying five (5) courses to be included in each of the five (5) subject areas will be held at USF on October 25, 2012. The question regarding whether the committees would focus on Learning Outcomes to identify courses vs. simply identifying course titles and numbers was raised. Associate Dean Moore encouraged the GEC to begin thinking about our FKL requirements and how we could integrate our dimensions within the state's required courses as well as within the remaining 15 hours of the General Education course requirements, retaining the important concepts of the FKL core curriculum.

New Business

- **Strategic Plan Focus on USF as a Global Research Institution:** Associate Dean Moore briefly reported on the first Strategic Plan Town Hall. The major emphasis of the strategic plan is on USF as a global research institution. The question was raised regarding how the term "global" is defined. Differences between "globalizing the curriculum" and "internationalizing the curriculum" were addressed, including how these differentiations impact the faculty and curriculum at USF. Kevin Yee suggested the metaphor of a fruit salad (international) vs. fruit smoothie (global) as one way of understanding the terminology.

Recertification Courses Approved

None: No quorum.

New Courses Approved

None: No quorum

New Course Proposals

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

- QMB 3150 – Research Methods in Business (CAQR)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the GEC will occur on November 5, 2012, in SVC 5012.