

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
General Education Council  
Minutes of November 5, 2012

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Dan Belgrad, Annette Christy, William Cummings, Jeff Cunningham, Sandy Czerwinski, C. David Frankel, Hunt Hawkins (substitute for Marty Gould), Chung Seop Jeong, Denise Maguire, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, Alison Oberne, Audra Parker , Audrey Powers, Sandy Reynolds, Scott Rimbey, Susan Silver, Gerald Woods,

Absent: Manish Agrawal, Mary Fournier, Marty Gould (excused), Ippokratis Kantzios (excused), Stephan Schindler (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio/

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

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

The minutes of October 1, 2012 and October 15, 2012 were approved. There were two abstentions 10/15.

Announcements

- Karla Davis-Salazar introduced Sue RiCharde, Academic Services Administrator for the GEC in the UGS office, and Chung Seop Jeong, new GEC member from Engineering.
- Karla Davis-Salazar discussed the importance of regular attendance of GEC members to council meetings (a quorum was not present at the October 15, 2012 meeting). She stressed that all of the upcoming changes in the state's regulations make attendance even more critical. She referred to the GEC's attendance rules, which can be found on the website at: <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/gec/gec.htm>. The following statement is included on the website, and she reiterated that attendance will be more closely monitored in the future.
  - *If a member of the General Education Council accumulates three unexcused absences per year from regularly scheduled meetings, that person shall automatically cease to be a member of the council and shall be replaced promptly according to the standard procedures for nomination and appointment. Excused absences may be granted by the Chair/Coordinator of Vice Chair/Coordinator of the General Education Council and shall not exceed four in number per year.*

Old Business

New Business

- Statewide General Education meetings of October 25, 2012: Karla Davis-Salazar briefed the council members on this meeting that took place on USF's Tampa campus. **Minutes from this meeting are attached.**

- Karla Davis-Salazar also handed out an excerpt from the amended 2012 Florida Statutes; House Bill 7135 (1007.23 and 1007.25). She specifically emphasized these 4 changes:
  - *General Education core course options shall consist of a **maximum** of five courses (can be less than five) within each of the subject areas of communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences.*
  - *Each general education core course option must contain high-level academic and **critical thinking skills and common competencies** that students must demonstrate to successfully complete the course (The Learning Outcomes/Common Competencies must drive which courses we select).*
  - ***All public postsecondary educational institutions shall offer and accept these courses as meeting general education core course requirements (both SUS and FCS institutions).***
  - *General education curricula for associate in arts programs shall be identified by each institution and, beginning with students initially entering a Florida College System institution or state university in 2014-2015 and thereafter, shall include **30 semester hours in the subject areas of communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences.** (Human and Cultural Diversity in Global Context courses will be moved under the five areas listed above.)*

#### Discussion Notes:

- The terms “Common Competencies” and “Learning Outcomes” are synonymous and used interchangeably. The council discussed that an official statement clarifying this would be helpful.
- Statewide faculty committees are at varying stages of progress in recommending courses to the Steering Committee, and nothing has been set in stone.
- These courses have been identified by the statewide faculty committees thus far:
  - Humanities course possibilities: PHI X010; LIT X100; ARH X000; MUL X010, HUM X020
  - Social Sciences course possibilities: none at present
  - Mathematics course possibilities: MAC X105, STA X023, MGF X107, and MGF X106
  - Communication course possibilities: ENC 1101
  - Natural Sciences course possibilities: none at present
- The council talked about the implications of these changes for USF. The question arose about how we might create a meaningful, signature USF general education curriculum that would distinguish us from other Florida institutions. It is an opportunity for us to take the foundation created by USF faculty with the 2005 QEP and re-focus it to create “purposeful pathways.”

#### Substantive Changes Approved

- SYO 4430 – Disability and Society (WRIN: WLS, HCD) *addition of Gordon Rule approved*

#### Recertification Proposals Approved

- SYP 4420 – Consumer Culture (WRIN: IRD, WLS)
- THE 3110 – Theatre History I (CPST: CPE, HHCP) *approved pending changes to syllabus*
- THE 3111 – Theatre History II (CPST: CPE, HHCP) *approved pending changes to syllabus*
- SYO 4430 – Disability and Society (WRIN: WLS, HCD) *approved pending changes to syllabus*

#### Recertification Proposals to be Returned

- AMH 2010 – American History I (CAHU: HHCP, HCD)

#### New Courses Approved

- None

#### New Course Proposals Submitted

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

- NUR 4169 – Evidence-based Practice for BA prepared Nurses (WRIN)

#### New Course Proposals Under Review

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

#### New Course Proposals to be Returned

- MAT 4938 – Research Experience in Mathematics (CPST)
- REL 4499 – Classics of Christian Thought (CPST)

#### New Course Proposals Tabled

- QMB 3150 – Research Methods in Business (CAQR); *Questions need to be resolved; need representative from Business at next meeting*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the GEC will occur on November 19, 2012, in SVC 5012 at 3:00 p.m.