

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
General Education Council  
Minutes of December 3, 2012

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Manish Agrawal, Dan Belgrad, Annette Christy, William Cummings, Jeff Cunningham, Sandy Czerwinski, C. David Frankel, Marty Gould, Chung Seop Jeong, Denise Maguire, Audrey Powers, Sandy Reynolds, Scott Rimbey, Stephan Schindler, Susan Silver, Gerald Woods

Absent: Mary Fournier, Mariam Manzur-Leiva (excused), Alison Oberne (excused), Audra Parker (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio/

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

Welcome and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

The minutes of November 19, 2012, were approved with one additional excused absence. There was one abstention.

Old Business

Statewide General Education Committees' progress – update

- Karla Davis-Salazar updated the council on the statewide Social Science General Education Committee's most recent conference call that took place on Friday, November 30, 2012. The Social Science Committee will vote on the following Social Science course options:
  1. PSY x012 Introduction to Psychology or CLPx006 Psychology of Personal Effectiveness
  2. SYG x000 Introduction to Sociology or SYG x010 Social Problems
  3. POS x041 American Government or CPO x001/x002 Comparative Politics or POS x001 Introduction to Political Science
  4. WOH x040 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History or AMH x035 US History since 1945
  5. ECO x013 Macroeconomics
  6. ANT x000 Introduction to Anthropology

A maximum of five courses can be selected. Karla Davis-Salazar contacted the chairs of the respective departments to get their opinion as to which of the above courses are more suitable as a general education course option for all Florida colleges and universities. Those highlighted are the ones indicated by the departments. Karla will vote for these. In addition, the voting is set up to ask whether or not ECO x013 Macroeconomics should be included as a Social Science course option and whether or not ANT x000 Introduction to Anthropology should be included as a Social Science course option – each as separate items. Karla Davis-Salazar contacted the Economics and Anthropology department chairs to gather their opinions. Both courses are thought by the chairs to be good general education courses. Karla will vote yes on each of these items.

Ultimately, only 5 courses can be selected. The placement of History is still somewhat in question. Should History move to the Humanities, then both ECO and ANT could be Social Science course options. If History remains in the Social Sciences, then only one or the other can be included. In anticipation of an either-or vote on ECO x013 and ANT x000. Karla conducted a straw poll with the General Education Council, which overwhelmingly voted that Anthropology would be the better final course option than Macroeconomics. Whatever the end result, the selected courses must all meet the following Social Science Learning Outcomes:

*CRITICAL THINKING: Students will be able to examine behavioral, social, and cultural issues from a variety of points of view.*

*SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE KNOWLEDGE: Students will be able to explain basic social and behavioral science concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavioral, social, and cultural issues, past and present, local and global.*

- Karla Davis-Salazar also briefed the council on the progress of the Humanities and Natural Science committees.

### **Humanities Learning Outcomes**

*Through demonstrating interpretive ability and cultural literacy, the student will confirm the ability to think critically.*

*The student will acquire competence in reflecting critically upon the human condition.*

### **Humanities Course Options**

1. ARH x000 Art Appreciation
2. MUL x010 Music Literature/Music Appreciation
3. PHI x010 Introduction to Philosophy
4. LIT x100 World Literature
5. HUM x020 Introduction to the Humanities or HUM x390 Themes in Humanities

### **Natural Science Learning Outcomes**

*Upon completion of the Natural Science general education core required coursework, students will demonstrate the ability to critically examine and evaluate scientific observation, hypothesis, or model construction and the use of scientific method to explain the natural world.*

*Upon completion of the Natural Science general education core required coursework, students will successfully recognize and apply fundamental concepts, principles, and processes about the natural world.*

### **Natural Science Course Options**

1. CHM x020 General Chemistry I or STEM major parallel course of CHM x032 or CHM x045
2. BSC x005 Biology for Life or STEM major parallel course of BSC x010
3. PHY x020 Conceptual Physics or STEM major parallel course of PHY x048 or PHY x053
  
4. EVR x001 Environmental Science
5. ESC x000 Introduction to Earth Science
6. AST x002 Astronomy (with this course dropping off if only five courses are allowed)

### Recertifications (Under Review)

- SYG 3235 Latina Lives (WRIN: HCD, WLS)
  - Revised/additional information has been received

### New Course Proposals Submitted

- none

### New Courses Approved

- DAN 4135 – Modern Dance History (CPST: HHCP)

### New Course Proposals to be Returned

- QMB 3150 – Research Methods in Business (CAQR: SCP, QUL)
- DAN 4134 – Ballet History (WRIN: CPE, WLS)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the GEC will occur on January 7, 2013, in SVC 5012 at 3:00 p.m.