

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council (GEC)
Minutes of January 6, 2014

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Maryellen Allen, Adonis Amparo, Ross Anzel, Dan Belgrad, Darlene Bruner, Sandy Czerwinski, Katherine Davis, Michael DeJonge, C. David Frankel, Hunt Hawkins, Chung Seop Jeong, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, David Payne, Scott Rimbey, Stephan Schindler, Gerald Woods

Absent: Pat Jones

Guests/Ex Officio/

Resource Staff: Cynthia Brown Hernandez (UGS), Janet Moore (UGS), Sue RiCharde (UGS), Kevin Yee (ATLE)

1. Welcome and Announcements --The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. Chair Davis-Salazar welcomed Michael DeJonge, for whom Thomas Williams had been the substitute in Fall 2013.
2. Approval of Minutes - The minutes from the December 2, 2013 meeting were approved as written.
3. Old Business
 - a. State-mandated Course Update – USF System Meeting
 - Karla Davis-Salazar reported on the December 12, 2013 meeting (which included representatives from USF Tampa, Sarasota/Manatee, and St. Petersburg) pertaining to the seven (7) state-mandated general education courses that USF currently does *not* offer. Since the other campuses also wish to offer some of these courses, they met to come to agreement on the information that will be sent to the state. The chair provided the council with the color-coded document, entitled: “General Education Mandate Comparison – State & USF.”

According to the chair, the group is close to agreement on what to send to the state for the seven (7) courses. The ones generating the most questions and issues are the arts courses. Going forward, USF will suggest new course titles to remove the word “appreciation,” i.e., Art and Culture, Music and Culture, and Theatre and Culture.

Out of the seven courses, three will involve the conversion of existing general education courses to the state-mandated course prefixes and numbers: ARH 3001 will be converted to ARH X000; PHH 2000 will be converted to PHI X010; and AST 2003 will be converted to AST X002. Given that these are existing general education courses that will come up for recertification in the next year, they will not need new course proposals with review by the GEC.

MUL X010 and THE X000 are currently being developed and will need review by the GEC since these will be new general education courses for Tampa. The GEC voted to expedite the review process for MUL X010 and THE X000, requesting only the submission of a syllabus and dimensions document.

ESC X000 has already been developed and approved by the CAS Undergraduate Curriculum. It will soon be submitted to the GEC for review. The department will deactivate another FKL course to make way for ESC X000.

There are currently no plans in place for CHM X020.

EVR X001 and POS X041 are already offered in the USF system, but not as general education courses. The respective departments have been contacted regarding developing general education course proposals.

4. New Business

a. Course Approval Process

- Cynthia Brown Hernandez, Assistant Director of Academic Services for Undergraduate Studies, addressed the council regarding timing issues in the new course proposal process (for the General Education Council as well as the Undergraduate Council). She is USF's liaison with the SCNS (Statewide Course Numbering System), so she submits all new course proposals and course changes to the state for USF, USF Sarasota/Manatee, and USF St. Petersburg.

Ms. Brown Hernandez clarified to the council that, in February of 2013, the SCNS reduced their staff to two individuals, who manage all SUS (State University System of Florida) course proposals. When the GEC approves a new course or course change (which can only happen after receiving departmental and college-level approval), Cynthia still has to send this proposal to the state for its approval – a process that can take up to four (4) weeks. Once at the state level, it can take as long as six (6) months before approval is received. Only at that point can the course be added into the USF course inventory and into Banner. For example, if a course is approved by the council in the fall, most likely the soonest it could be offered as FKL would be summer.

- There was concern expressed regarding this lengthy process, and questions were raised regarding the use of “4930s,” or “selected topics,” numbers for the FKL.

5. Recertifications

a. Under Review (previously tabled)

- CLT 3103 Greek Literature in Translation (WRIN: ~~WLS~~, ETP; GR Communication) **APPROVED**

b. Under Review (resubmitted)

- EVT 4651 Equity in Schools and the Workplace (~~CPST~~ WRIN: ETP; GR Communication) **TO BE RETURNED TO PROPOSER**

c. Review teams were assigned for:

- ANT 3101 Archaeology (CAGC: GLC, HHCP, SCP)
- HSC 2100 Contemporary Health Science (CASB: ENP, ~~HCD~~, INL)
- PHI 1103 Critical Thinking (CASB: ETP, SCP, WLS; GR Communication)

6. New Course Proposals
 - a. Under Review (new)
 - EDE 4801 The Teacher as Researcher (WRIN: INL, WLS; GR Communication)
TABLED
 - b. Under Review (previously tabled)
 - EGN 4800 Contemporary Issues in STEM Education (CPST: IRD) **APPROVED**
7. Substantive Changes
 - a. Review team was assigned for:
 - MUL 3011 Music in Your Life (CAFA: HCD, CPE) *Title Change*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next GEC meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2014.