

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council (GEC)
Minutes of March 17, 2014

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

Absent: Darlene Bruner, Sandy Czerwinski, Katherine Davis

Guests/Ex Officio/

Resource Staff: Jennifer Jacobs (COEDU), Sue RiCharde (UGS), Michele Sebti (COEDU), Kevin Yee (ATLE)

1. Welcome and Announcements --The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.
 - a. The chair announced she is presenting to the Faculty Senate on the QEP in April and encouraged the council to attend.
 - b. The chair will be planning a Town Hall meeting on the QEP in the coming months.
2. Approval of Minutes - The minutes from the March 3, 2014 meeting were approved as written.
3. Old Business
 - a. QEP – Learning Outcomes and General Education
 - Karla Davis-Salazar led a discussion and review of the newly revised, draft QEP learning outcomes for The Global Citizens Project: “Global Context,” and “Cultural Diversity.” She reiterated to the council that these learning outcomes are linked to USF’s former QEP from 2005 and will guide all that we do with the 2015 QEP. The QEP will take a vertical approach, touching on students in general education courses, up through the majors, and into capstone courses. Also developing Optional global citizen certificates with 2-tiered recognition (on transcript and/or a medallion at commencement). Strategies are still a work in progress. The chair asked for input from the GEC on infusing QEP learning outcomes into FKL curriculum. Comments included:
 - Possibility: Require courses in CAHU, CASB, CAGC, and CAFA to include QEP learning outcomes.
 - Provide funds to those who add in global learning dimensions as incentives rather than require it.
 - Others thought it should be required of all FKL courses, rather than just some.
 - Some commented that this would be easier for some disciplines than others.
 - Civil engineer on QEP Curriculum Committee feels very confident that GCP learning outcomes can be incorporated into engineering gen ed courses.
 - A problem-based approach may make it easier for disciplines like Math to incorporate.
 - Faculty development and support will be crucial, however faculty development should not be required. ATLE relies on building relationships.
 - Use the recertification process to bring in courses that do not currently incorporate global learning

- We should show how QEP learning outcomes translate into employable skills
- Strike the word “relevant” from the Cultural Diversity Learning Outcome’s green box of bullet points under Cultural Knowledge
- Infusing FKL courses with inquiry-based learning and critical thinking was/is successful
- There are examples from other universities’ global learning QEPs available that show how STEM courses incorporated global concepts; the chair will provide the council with this information
- Suggestion: have students create and build upon a global project that would span their general education classes, through their major, and into their capstones (a portfolio?)

4. New Business

5. Recertifications

a. Under Review (new)

- AMH 3572 African American History Since 1865 (CAHU: HCD, HHCP) **APPROVED**
- AMS 4804 Major Ideas in America (CPST: CPE) **TO BE RETURNED**
- ENC 3310 Expository Writing (WRIN: WLS; Gordon Rule Communication) **APPROVED**
- GEA 2000 World Regional Geography (CAGC: GLC, HCD) **APPROVED**
- LIT 3103 Great Literature of the World (WRIN: WLS; Gordon Rule Communication) **TO BE RETURNED**
- SPA 4050 Introduction to the Clinical Process (CPST: OLS, WLS) **TO BE RETURNED**

b. Under Review (previously tabled)

- EVR 2002 Environmental Science: Regional and Global Issues (CANP: ENP, GLC, SCP) **APPROVED**

c. Under Review (resubmitted)

- ANT 3101 Archaeology (CAGC: ~~GLC~~, HHCP, SCP) **APPROVED PENDING CHANGES**
- HSC 2100 Contemporary Health Science (CASB: ENP, ~~HCD~~, INL) **APPROVED**

d. Review Teams Assigned for:

- RUT 3110 19th Century Russian Literature in English (WRIN: ETP, WLS; Gordon Rule Communication)

6. New Course Proposals

a. Under Review (new)

b. Under Review (previously tabled)

c. Under Review (resubmitted)

- EDE 4801 The Teacher as Researcher (WRIN: INL ~~WLS~~; Gordon Rule Communication) **APPROVED**

d. Review Teams Assigned for:

- HUM 2594 Science in Cultural Context (CAHU: HCD, HHCP)/De-certification of AMS 3230 America in the 20s and 30s (CAHU: CPE, IRD; Gordon Rule Communication)
- THE 2000 Theatre and Culture (CAFA: CPE, HCD) *new, state-mandated Gen Ed course*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m. The next GEC meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2014.