

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
General Education Council (GEC)  
Minutes of April 7, 2014

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

Absent: Sandy Czerwinski, Michael DeJonge, David Payne

Guests/Ex Officio/

Resource Staff: Margit Grieb (CAS), Janet Moore (UGS), Sue RiCharde (UGS), Kevin Yee (ATLE)

1. Welcome and Announcements --The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm.
  - a. The chair announced she is presenting to the Faculty Senate on the QEP on April 16 between 3pm and 5pm. She encouraged council members to attend.
  - b. The chair also announced two upcoming Town Hall sessions on the QEP: April 24 from 12pm-130pm in the COB, and April 25 from 1030am-1130am in the COPH. This is another great opportunity to learn more about and to provide feedback on the QEP: The Global Citizens Project.
2. Approval of Minutes - The minutes from the March 17, 2014 meeting were approved as written.
3. Old Business
  - a. QEP and FKL
    - Karla Davis-Salazar provided the GEC with two handouts pertaining to the QEP and its proposed effect on FKL courses. The first document lists all general education courses color coded by the dimensions of HCD (Human and Cultural Diversity) and GLC (Global Context). The second document, "Proposed General Education Changes Related to the QEP," proposes how to infuse the QEP learning outcomes into general education. Discussion points follow:
      - There was a request to remove the vertical line between Humanities (CAHU) and Fine Arts (CAFA) in the state-mandated general education courses listing in order to indicate that the state combines Humanities and Fine Arts.
      - Regarding the proposed changes "Require all courses in CASB, CAHU, and CAFA to address either HCD or GLC; Require all courses in CAGC to address both HCD and GLC," there was a question raised about why some areas would potentially address both QEP learning outcomes and others just one.
      - Would departments have to add the new QEP dimension (HCD or GLC) to the ones their courses are already certified for, or will they be replacing a dimension?
      - The QEP/General Education integration would begin in areas where the globally focused learning outcomes would be most easily addressed, and potentially grow to include global learning in math and science areas, as appropriate.
      - Regarding the proposed Global Citizens project/assignment that these courses would require (for assessment purposes), there were questions

raised on whether faculty could determine the weight of this assignment compared to their others.

- The nature of the proposed Global Citizens assignment is not yet clear, but it should address the QEP learning outcomes.
- The GLC and HCD assessment rubrics (to be developed) for the Global Citizens assignment will have faculty input in their development.

#### 4. New Business

##### a. GEC bylaws regarding appointment of GEC Chair

- In order to better align the GEC's bylaws on the process of appointing a Chair with other standing committees' bylaws, the GEC voted to approve the following proposed new wording: "The Chair shall be elected by the Council from among its members. The Chair shall be a voting member of the Council." This change must now be approved by the Faculty Senate.

#### 5. Recertifications

##### a. Under Review (new)

- RUT 3110 19<sup>th</sup> Century Russian Literature in English (WRIN: ETP, WLS; Gordon Rule Communication) **TO BE RETURNED**

##### b. Review Teams Assigned for:

- CEG 4850 Capstone Geotechnical/Transportation Design (CPST: QUL)
- CES 4750 Capstone Structural/Geotechnical/Material Design (CPST: QUL)
- CWR 4812 Capstone Water Resources/Environmental Design (CPST: QUL)
- EGN 3835 Globalization and Technology (CAGC: GLC, HHCP)

#### 6. New Course Proposals

##### a. Under Review (new)

- HUM 2594 Science in Cultural Context (CAHU: HCD, HHCP) **APPROVED contingent upon decertification of AMS 3230**
- THE 2000 Theatre and Culture (CAHU: CPE, HCD) **TO BE RETURNED**

##### b. Under Review (resubmitted)

- GET 4528 German Directors in Hollywood (CPST: HHCP) **APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m. The next GEC meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2014. This will be the final meeting of the semester.