

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of October 7, 2013

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Maryellen Allen, Adonis Amparo, Dan Belgrad, Annette Christy, Sandy Czerwinski, C. David Frankel, Hunt Hawkins, Chung Seop Jeong, Pat Jones, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, David Payne, Scott Rimbey, Thomas Williams (for Michael DeJonge), Gerald Woods

Absent: Stephan Schindler (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio/

Resource Staff: Arnie Mejias (Honors College), Janet Moore (UGS), Joe Moxley (CAS), Sue RiCharde (UGS)

1. Welcome and Announcements
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.
 - b. Karla Davis-Salazar announced that the Faculty Senate recently reviewed nominations for new General Education Council members, so there will soon be new members to fill vacancies.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the September 16, 2013 meeting were approved as written.
3. New Business
 - a. My Reviewers
 - i. Joe Moxley, Director of USF's First Year Composition (FYC) Program, introduced the General Education Council to "My Reviewers." This is an e-learning application that instructors and students use to improve the process of providing and/or receiving feedback on student writing. Dr. Moxley showed the council the website and provided several handouts. More information can be found here: <http://myreviewers.com/about/>. Some discussion points:
 1. My Reviewers has been used at USF for the past four years.
 2. It was previously funded by a student tech fee until Spring 2013.
 3. Beginning in Fall 2013, students will pay a one-time fee of \$47 to participate in the program.
 4. The embedded rubric provides assessment data for SACS purposes.
 5. The "Common Comments" area provides links to videos and quizzes for students.
 6. It was suggested that My Reviewers be integrated into Canvas, instead of being a separate entity.
 7. The council was urged to inform their respective departments of the program and to encourage them to use it.
4. Old Business
 - a. QEP Updates
 - i. Karla Davis-Salazar gave an update on USF's 2015 QEP: "The Global Citizens Project."
 1. She announced that the QEP Steering Committee had now separated into subcommittees. The Research Subcommittee recently provided feedback on many internationally themed, nationwide QEPs, dating

back to 2005. As such, they have created a QEP reference library containing these institutions' strategies.

2. The QEP Steering Committee has identified a draft set of 6 student learning outcomes. The chair provided a handout from the last QEP meeting. There is still much to be worked out, but this is the direction in which the QEP is heading, and it will serve as a framework to consider Gen Ed implications.

b. State-mandated Changes

- i. Karla Davis-Salazar gave an update on the state's mandated general education changes.

1. The chair and Dr. Janet Moore explained the handout: "General Education Mandate Comparison – State and USF." The courses listed in **red, bold font** are state-mandated ones that are already in our FKL/gen ed. The **black, bold font** courses are offered at USF, but are not yet FKL/gen ed. Lastly, the regular, black font indicates courses that USF does not currently offer.
2. While the new legislation no longer requires that all institutions *offer* all the state courses, the chair and Dr. Moore are working with departments to develop those not currently offered at USF. They will report their results back to the council.
3. Karla Davis-Salazar handed out a third document showing the state-mandated courses, listed by core area, followed by a listing of USF's other course offerings in these core areas.

c. WRIN/WLS/Gordon Rule Communication

- i. A question was raised about the difference between WRIN and Gordon Rule-Communication. The chair clarified that WRIN is an upper-level, USF writing requirement, and Gordon Rule is a lower-level, state-mandated writing requirement for students. The requirements for a course to qualify as WRIN or Gordon Rule Communication are the same (4500 word count, process writing, 30 students/grader).
- ii. The question of whether or not a WRIN course should be allowed to select Written Language Skills (WLS) as its third dimension was raised. Arguments were made both for and against. A motion was made and seconded that would prevent the use of WLS as the third dimension for WRIN courses. The motion was tabled pending further review and discussion.

5. Recertifications

a. Under Review (new)

- i. CLT 3103 Greek Literature in Translation (WRIN: WLS, ETP) ***To be returned***
- ii. CLT 3123 Roman Literature in Translation (WRIN: WLS, ETP) ***Approved***
- iii. EDF 3604 Schools and Society (WRIN: HCD, IRD) ***Approved***
- iv. REL 3375 Issues in Caribbean Religions (CPST: HCD, ETP) ***Approved pending minor change to syllabus (update capstone language)***
- v. THE 4434 Caribbean Theatre (CPST: CPE) ***Approved pending addition of objectives and learning outcomes to syllabus***

- b. Under Review (resubmitted)
 - i. EUH 2022 The Medieval West (CAHU:HCD, HHCP) **Approved pending addition of FKL wording to syllabus**
- c. Review Teams to be Assigned via Email (new)
 - i. ANT 4241 Anthropology of Religion (WRIN: HCD, ETP)
 - ii. ANT 4401 Exploring Cross-Cultural Diversity (CPST: HCD, GLC)
 - iii. EVT 4651 Equity in Schools and the Workplace (CPST: ETP)
 - iv. GEB 4890 Strategic Management and Decision Making (CPST: ETP, IRD)
 - v. HIS 3938 Major Issues in History (CPST: HHCP, HCD)
 - vi. LIT 3155 Twentieth-Century Literature (WRIN: WLS)
 - vii. LIT 3374 The Bible as Literature (WRIN: WLS)
 - viii. LIT 3451 Literature and the Occult (WRIN: WLS)
- 6. New Course Proposals
 - a. Review Team to be Assigned via Email (resubmitted)
 - i. QMB 3150 Business Honors Advanced Statistics (CAQR: SCP, QUL)
 - b. Review Team to be Assigned via Email (new)
 - i. PSY 4974 Honors Seminar in Psychology (Second Semester) (WRIN: SCP)
 - c. Other (Gordon Rule Updates)
 - i. REL 4213 (was 4604) Early Jewish Literature (CPST: CPE) **Approved for Gordon Rule**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting of the GEC is scheduled for October 21, 2013.