

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council (GEC)
Minutes of December 2, 2013

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Maryellen Allen, Ross Andel, Dan Belgrad, 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: Adonis Amparo, Darlene Bruner, Katherine Davis, Stephan Schindler

Guests/Ex Officio/

Resource Staff: Danielle Dennis (COEDU), Janet Moore (UGS), Sue RiCharde (UGS)

1. Welcome and Announcements --The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the November 18, 2013 meeting were approved with three abstentions.
3. Old Business
 - a. State-mandated Course Update – USF System Meeting
 - i. The chair discussed an upcoming meeting with 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 are meeting to come to agreement on the information that will be sent to the state.
Discussion points:
 - There was concern regarding the credentials of individuals at the other campuses who are developing courses in areas for which there is no program or department on that campus. This will be discussed at the upcoming system meeting.
 - b. QEP Updates
 - i. The chair asked for the council’s input on two documents drafted by the QEP Steering Committee: constructs related to Human and Cultural Diversity (HCD) and Global Context (GLC). She recently met with 19 faculty members to solicit feedback on the HCD dimension. She will meet with another group of faculty to solicit feedback on the GLC dimension on December 4. The goal of this work is to define/refine the dimensions and related constructs in order to develop learning outcomes for the QEP.
 - c. Assessment Committee Update
 - i. Karla Davis-Salazar announced that the following GEC members have volunteered to serve on this committee: Dan Belgrad, Katie Davis, David Frankel, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, and Scott Rimbey.
4. Recertifications
 - a. Under Review (new)
 - i. GLY 2160 Geology of the National Parks (CANP: ENP, QUL, SCP) **APPROVED with the recommendation that changes be made to objectives and learning outcomes**

- b. Under Review (resubmitted)
 - i. CLT 3103 Greek Literature in Translation (WRIN: WLS, ETP) **TABLED at proposer's request**
- 5. New Course Proposals
 - a. Under Review (new)
 - i. EGN 4800 Contemporary Issues in STEM Education (CPST: IRD) **TABLED**
 - b. To Be Returned
 - i. EEC 4008 Teaching Literature and Writing in Early Childhood (WRIN: WLS)
 - c. Under Review (resubmitted)
 - i. EDE 4940 Internship: Elementary Education (CPST: ETP) **APPROVED contingent upon changes to objectives and learning outcomes on proposal and syllabus and changes to dimensions document language.**
 - d. Review Team Assigned
 - i. EDE 4801 The Teacher as Researcher (WRIN: INL, WLS)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next GEC meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2014.