

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
General Education Council (GEC)  
Minutes of March 16, 2015

Present: Scott Rimbey (chair), Maryellen Allen (LIB), Ross Andel (CBCS), Brendan Cook (CAS), Katherine Davis (MCOB), Sara Green (CAS), Hunt Hawkins (CAS), Pat Jones (COEDU), Chung Seop Jeong (COENG), Matt Knight (LIB), Leslie Lockett (CON), Mariam Manzur-Leiva (CAS), Francis Ntumngia (COPH), David Payne (CAS), Stephan Schindler (CAS)

Absent: Robert Lawrence (CoTA)

Guests/Ex Officio/

Resource Staff: Michael Berson (COEDU), Shawn Bingham (Honors), Karla Davis-Salazar (UGS; Past Chair), Jessica Lauther (UGS), Janet Moore (UGS), Sue RiCharde (UGS), Kevin Yee (ATLE)

1. Welcome and Announcements: The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes from 2/16/15 – **approved**
3. Old Business
4. New Business
  - a. Scott Rimbey reminded the council that new GEC Chair selection procedures were approved in April of 2014: *The Chair shall be elected by the Council from among its members. The Chair shall be a voting member of the Council.* He asked that council members begin considering this for AY 2015-2016, as there are only two meetings left in this academic year.
  - b. Dr. Janet Moore led a discussion about [USF System Policy number 10-065](#), which addresses credit hours. The document states, in part, that the student workload in an online course must be comparable to that of a face-to-face section of the same course. This translates roughly to 135 hours of total work for a 3-hour 15-week course (45 hours in the classroom and 90 hours outside). The Council agreed that the General Education course proposal and course recertification website forms need to be updated to include questions about online course delivery and comparability.
5. Recertifications
  - a. Under Review (new)
    - i. EVR 4027 Wetland Environments (CPST: ENP) **to be returned**
    - ii. FLE 4936 Senior Seminar in Foreign Language Education (CPST: HCD, ~~SCP~~) **to be returned**
    - iii. LAE 4936 Senior Seminar in English Education (CPST: HCD, ~~SCP~~) **to be returned**
    - iv. MAE 4936 Senior Seminar in Mathematics Education (CPST: HCD, ~~SCP~~) **to be returned**
    - v. SCE 4936 Senior Seminar in Science Education (CPST: HCD, ~~SCP~~) **to be returned**
    - vi. SSE 4936 Senior Seminar in Social Science Education (CPST: HCD, ~~SCP~~) **to be returned**
  - b. Under Review (previously tabled)
    - i. AMS 4804 Major Ideas in America (CPST: CPE) **approved**
    - ii. EVT 4651 Equity in Schools and the Workplace (~~CPST-WRIN~~: ETP; Gordon Rule Communication) **tabled**
    - iii. WST 3324 Women, Environment, and Gender (CANL: SCP, ENP) **tabled**
  - c. Under Review (resubmitted)
  - d. Review teams were (\*re-)assigned for:
    - i. EGN 3835\* Globalization and Technology (*now EGS 3720*) (CAGC: GLC, HHCD)
    - ii. GEY 4507 Understanding Policies & Practices of Long Term Care (CPST: IRD)
    - iii. GEY 4612 Psychology and Aging (CASB: HCD, IRD)
    - iv. GEY 4647 Ethical and Legal Issues in Aging (CPST: IRD)
    - v. HUM 2522 Introduction to the Cultural Study of Popular Music (CAHU: CPE, IRD)
6. Substantive Course Changes
  - a. PET 4946 Internship in Physical Education: Elementary (~~CPST: SCP~~) **remove from FKL; replace with PET 4929 approved**

7. New Course Proposals

- a. Under Review (new)
  - i. COM 4030 Women and Communication (WRIN: HCD; Gordon Rule Communication) ***approved***
  - ii. EVR 4218 Research Methods in Wildlife Ecology (CPST: ENP, SCP) ***to be returned***
- b. Under Review (resubmitted)
  - i. EDG 3775 Cybersecurity and the Everyday Citizen (~~CPST: GLC~~ CAGC: GLC, HCD) ***tabled***
- c. Review teams were assigned for:
  - i. PHH 4440 Continental Philosophy (WRIN: HHCP, ETP) Gordon Rule Communication

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6 at 3:00 pm in SVC 5012.