

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
General Education Council (GEC)  
Minutes of April 20, 2015

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

Absent: Brendan Cook (CAS), Robert Lawrence (CoTA), Mariam Manzur-Leiva (CAS), David Payne (CAS), *all excused*

Guests/Ex Officio/

Resource Staff: 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.
  - a. The Council thanked Dr. Chung Seop Jeong for his years of service on the GEC. It was announced that the Faculty Senate had recently appointed two new GEC members (names TBD). Also, Dr. Ross Andel announced that he will be on sabbatical for AY 2015-16, and that he will seek a replacement to fulfill his term.
2. Approval of Minutes from 4/6/15 – *approved*
3. Old Business
  - a. Results of the SACS visit as it pertains to the GEC – Karla Davis-Salazar
    - i. Dr. Davis-Salazar reported that the recent on-site visit by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) for the reaffirmation of accreditation for USF (Tampa) was very successful. USF (Tampa) received zero ‘recommendations’ from SACSCOC, which is rare, and the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)/Global Citizens Project (GCP) was well received and also very successful.
  - b. Selection of GEC Chair for 2015-16
    - i. The Council voted to reappoint Dr. Scott Rimbey as Chair of the General Education Council for AY 2015-2016.
4. New Business
  - a. Possible May 4 GEC Meeting
    - i. It was unclear whether a quorum would be present on May 4, therefore the Chair announced there would not be an additional council meeting held on that day.
5. Recertifications
  - a. Under Review (new)
    - i. ART 2201C Concepts and Practices I (CAFA: CPE, INL) Gordon Rule Communication *to be returned*
    - ii. ART 2203C Concepts and Practices II (CAFA: CPE, IRD) Gordon Rule Communication *to be returned*
    - iii. BSC 1005 Biology for Life (CANL: ENP, SCP) *approved pending changes*
    - iv. MUH 4372 Representing the United States in Music (WRIN: CPE) Gordon Rule Communication *approved*
    - v. REL 2300 Introduction to World Religions (CAGC: GLC, HHCP) *approved pending changes*
    - vi. REL 3111 Religious Quest in Contemporary Films (CAHU: ETP, HCD) Gordon Rule Communication *approved pending changes*
  - b. Under Review (previously tabled)
    - i. EVT 4651 Equity in Schools and the Workplace (CPST: ETP) Gordon Rule Communication *tabled*
    - ii. GEY 4647 Ethical and Legal Issues in Aging (CPST: IRD) *approved pending changes – one abstention*
  - c. Under Review (resubmitted)
    - i. WST 4522 Classics in Feminist Theory (CAHU: ~~HHCP~~, HCD, ETP) *approved*

- d. Need review team assigned:
  - i. AMH 3571 African American History to 1865 (CAHU: HCD, HHCP)
  - ii. AMS 2270 Twentieth-century American Culture (CAHU: CPE, HHCP)
  - iii. ECH 4615 Product and Process Design (CPST: SCP)
    - Review teams will be assigned at the first meeting of the 2015-2016 AY.
- e. Discussion
  - i. The GEC members discussed possible procedural changes for FKL course recertifications, going forward. Specifically, they discussed whether proposers should be required to submit an example of future syllabi (in the event that the course recertification was approved “pending changes to the syllabus/syllabi”) before an approval letter is sent.
  - ii. It was suggested that the recertification proposal web form be altered to include more specific syllabus guidelines.
  - iii. It was suggested that notification letters for upcoming recertifications include more specific wording pertaining to syllabus requirements, and possibly a syllabus template to use.
- 6. New Course Proposals
  - a. Under Review (new)
    - i. POS 2041 American National Government (CASB: HCD, HHCP) *new, state-mandated course approved pending changes*
  - b. Under Review (resubmitted)
    - i. ARC 4385 Made in Italy: Italian Design and Interdisciplinary Coherence (WRIN: CPE) Gordon Rule Communication *approved*
- 7. Substantive Course Changes
  - a. Under Review (new)
    - i. AMH 2020 US History Since 1877 (~~CAHU~~ CASB: HCD, HHCP) *substantive change to align with new, state-mandated course approved*

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm. The next GEC meeting is scheduled for 8/31/2015 in SVC 5012 at 3pm.