

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

General Education Council (GEC)

Minutes of August 25, 2014

Present: Scott Rimbey (chair), Maryellen Allen (LIB), Ross Andel (CBCS), Dan Belgrad (CAS), Brendan Cook (CAS), Katherine Davis (COB), Sara Green (CAS), Hunt Hawkins (CAS), Chung Seop Jeong (COENG), Pat Jones (COEDU), Mariam Manzur-Leiva (CAS), David Payne (CAS), Stephan Schindler (CAS)

Absent: Yangxin Huang (COPH) (*excused*)

Guests/Ex Officio/

Resource Staff: Karla Davis-Salazar (Past Chair), Holly Gerardi (UGS/QEP), Jessica Lauther (QEP), Leslie Lockett (CON), Arnie Mejias (HON), Sue RiCharde (UGS), Kevin Yee (ATLE)

1. Welcome and Announcements --The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.
 - a. New GEC Chair Scott Rimbey welcomed all present, and introductions were made. He announced that additional GEC members are needed from colleges outside of Arts & Sciences, which is well-represented.
2. Approval of Minutes - The minutes from the April 21, 2014 meeting were approved.
3. Old Business
 - a. QEP Update - Karla Davis-Salazar
 - An update on USF's 2015 QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan), "The Global Citizens Project," was given by the Chair of the QEP Steering Committee, Karla Davis-Salazar. The council was provided with a packet of information entitled "2015 Quality Enhancement Plan Overview." Dr. Davis-Salazar explained that the QEP Curricular and Co-Curricular subcommittees have developed three main strategies of implementation: Global FKL, Global Pathways in Majors, and the Global Citizen Award. The Global FKL aspect will directly involve the General Education Council, and as such, the Global FKL Team includes several GEC members. Main points discussed regarding the Global FKL Strategy follow:

All courses in Social/Behavioral Sciences (CASB), Humanities (CAHU), and Fine Arts (CAFA) address either Human/Cultural Diversity (HCD) or Global Context (GLC) through course learning outcomes.

All courses in Human and Cultural Diversity in a Global Context (CAGC) address both Human/Cultural Diversity and Global Context through course learning outcomes.

Transition courses through the recertification process (send out recertification schedule to departments to let them have time to prepare).

Courses must include a Global Citizens project/assignment (labeled as such for students) to be used in assessment. Project must be problem-based.

Agreement to use Human/Cultural Diversity and/or Global Context assessment rubrics, as appropriate, to assess Global Citizens project/assignment

GEC will use FKL Course Review rubrics to determine if course addresses HCD or GLC learning outcomes.
4. New Business
 - a. A movement was put forward, seconded, and voted upon by the GEC to allow a *choice* when altering courses for the QEP/Global FKL initiative; to either *replace* a current dimension with HCD or GLC (QEP learning outcomes), or to *add* a fifth dimension to the course.
 - b. A movement was put forward, seconded, and voted upon by the GEC to approve the QEP strategies and processes, PENDING some revisions to the rubrics and definitions of the HCD and GLC learning outcomes on the GEC website.
5. Recertifications
 - a. Under Review (new)

- b. Under Review (previously tabled)
 - c. Under Review (resubmitted)
 - LIT 3103 Great Literature of the World (WRIN: WLS; Gordon Rule Communication) **APPROVED**
 - PHI 1103 Critical Thinking (CASB: ETP, SCP, WLS; Gordon Rule Communication) **TABLED**
 - PHI 2101 Introduction to Formal Logic (CAQR: QUL, SCP; Gordon Rule Computation) **TABLED**
 - d. Review Teams were assigned for:
 - AML 3604 African American Literature (WRIN: WLS; Gordon Rule Communication)
 - CGS 2034 Computers and Impact on Society (CASB: INL, IRD)
 - CIS 4250 Ethical Issues/Professional Conduct (CPST: WLS, Gordon Rule Communication)
 - EEX 4742 Narrative Perspectives on Exceptionality (CPST: ETP, Gordon Rule Communication)
 - EIN 4891 Capstone Design (CPST: SCP)
 - LIT 2040 Introduction to Drama (CAHU: CPE, ETP; Gordon Rule Communication)
 - LIT 3301 Cultural Studies and the Popular Arts (WRIN: WLS; Gordon Rule Communication)
 - MGF 1106 Finite Mathematics (CAMA: QUL, SCP, Gordon Rule Computation)
 - SYP 3000 Social Psychology (CASB: HCD, INL)
6. Substantive Course Changes
7. New Course Proposals
- a. Under Review (new)
 - b. Under Review (previously tabled)
 - c. Under Review (resubmitted)
 - d. Review Teams were assigned for:
 - ANT 4516 Human Variation (CPST/WRIN: SCP)
 - CIS 4935 Senior Project for Information Technology (CPST: SCP)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40p.m. The next GEC meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2014 (SVC 5012 at 3pm).