UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council (GEC)
Minutes of September 15, 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), Yangxin Huang (COPH), Chung Seop Jeong (COENG), Pat Jones (COEDU), Mariam Manzur-Leiva (CAS), David Payne (CAS)

Absent: Stephan Schindler (CAS) *(excused)*

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

1. Welcome and Announcements: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the August 25, 2014 meeting were approved.
3. Old Business
    a. QEP Update - Karla Davis-Salazar
        - The GEC approved the revised QEP/Global Citizens Project learning outcomes document (same content, but re-organized), as well as the online FKL course recertification form that incorporates the new Global FKL criteria, with the understanding that form will not be used until revisions to the GLC and HCD dimension definitions are completed. The definitions will be worked on by the Global FKL Implementation Team, and the results reported back to the GEC. The council was also supportive of using a checklist as opposed to a rubric for review of Global FKL courses*.
4. New Business
    a. Discussion of Review Procedures
        - Chair Scott Rimbey provided the council with a draft procedural document pertaining to FKL recertification reviews.
            - There was a suggestion to encourage reviewers to pay close attention to Core Areas as well as Dimensions when reviewing recertification proposals.
            - The GEC is in favor of requesting *specific* syllabi (using OASIS to select sections in a particular semester) for the recertification process, going forward, in an effort to streamline the procedure. This would be a form of quality control, ensuring that syllabi for FKL courses are consistent across all sections. There was a suggestion to involve department chairs, asking that they submit a statement regarding the consistency of their syllabi, in the event that many, diverse syllabi are received from the proposer.
            - There was much discussion regarding the need for more clarity in the official definition of a Capstone (CPST) course (as opposed to the clearer Writing Intensive – WRIN - definition). Specifically, the questions pertain to the following statement on the General Education Council website: "Capstone Courses provide students with a culminating educational experience, and should integrate multiple areas of knowledge and dimensions." The GEC voted to form a subcommittee to investigate this. It will include Hunt Hawkins, David Payne, and Mariam Manzur-Leiva.
5. Recertifications
    a. Under Review (new)
        - AML 3604 African American Literature (WRIN: WLS; Gordon Rule Communication) ***Approved pending changes***
        - CGS 2034 Computers and Impact on Society (CASB: INL, IRD) ***To be returned***
        - CIS 4250 Ethical Issues/Professional Conduct (CPST: WLS, Gordon Rule Communication) ***Tabled***
        - EEX 4742 Narrative Perspectives on Exceptionality (CPST: ETP, Gordon Rule Communication) ***Tabled***
        - EIN 4891 Capstone Design (CPST: SCP) ***Tabled***

- LIT 2040 Introduction to Drama (CAHU: CPE, ETP; Gordon Rule Communication) ***Approved***
- LIT 3301 Cultural Studies and the Popular Arts (WRIN: WLS; Gordon Rule Communication) ***Approved***
- MGF 1106 Finite Mathematics (CAMA: QUL, SCP, Gordon Rule Computation) ***To be returned***
- SYP 3000 Social Psychology (CASB: HCD, INL) ***Approved pending changes***

b. Under Review (previously tabled)
- PHI 1103 Critical Thinking (CASB: ETP, ~~SCP~~, WLS; Gordon Rule Communication) ***Approved pending changes***
- PHI 2101 Introduction to Formal Logic (CAQR: QUL, SCP; Gordon Rule Computation) ***Tabled***

c. Under Review (resubmitted)
- RUT 3110 19th Century Russian Literature in English (WRIN: ETP, WLS; Gordon Rule Communication) ***Tabled***
- SPA 4050 Introduction to the Clinical Process (CPST: OLS, WLS) ***Tabled***

d. Review Teams were **NOT** assigned (due to time constraints; see Oct. 6, 2014 agenda) for:
- BSC 1020 The Biology of Humans (CANL: INL, SCP)
- CGS 2094 Cyber Ethics (CAGC: GLC, INL)
- ENV 2073 Global Warming: Science and Politics of a Contemporary Issue (CANP: ENP, WLS)
- RUT 3111 20th Century Russian Literature in English (CPST/WRIN: ETP, WLS; Gordon Rule Communication)
- WST 4320 Politics & Issues in Women's Health (CASB: ETP; HCD; ~~IRD~~)

6. New Course Proposals
a. Under Review (new)
- ANT 4516 Human Variation (CPST/WRIN: SCP) ***Tabled***
- CIS 4935 Senior Project for Information Technology (CPST: SCP) ***Tabled***

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05p.m. The next GEC meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2014 (SVC 5012 at 3pm).