

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
**General Education Council**  
**Minutes for August 19, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Marie Bourgeois, Chair (PH), Joanna Burchfield, Vice-Chair (EN), John Abresch (LIB), Karen Atwood (AC), Lauren Braunstein (EU), Maureen “Mo” Chiodini-Rinaldo (EU), Shane Combs (US), Madeline Domino (BU), Jane Govoni (EU), Morgan Gresham (AC), Jennefer Karnegie (EU), Jay Michaels (AC), Catherine Rogers (BC), Richard Smith (AC), Walter Silva Sotillo (EN)

**ABSENT:** Sara Callahan (AC), Michael Cross (HC), Fanni Green (FA), Manisha Joshi (BC), Emily Mann (LIB), Daniel Marlin (BU), Jason Nethercut (AC), Gauri Pradhan (AC), Patrick Rodriguez (PH), Natasha Zurcher (NR)

**GUESTS/EX-OFFICIO:** Candi Ashley (EU), Scott Besley (BU), Kyna Betancourt (US), Allison Crume (US), Mazhab “Mazi” Ferguson (OCE&P), Colin Forbes (US), Rebecca Gibbons (ODS), Diane Mellon (CC&PD), Ali Mrani Alaoui (US), Kelly Pearson (AC), Robyn Tornay (RO)

**Meeting Commenced – 3:00 p.m.**

**1. Welcome and Announcements**

Marie welcomed the council members to the first General Education Council meeting of the 2024-2025 academic year. Dr Lauren Braunstein was introduced as a new member.

**2. Approval of May 6, 2024 General Education Council Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved as is (no revisions).

**3. Informational Items**

**1. Gen-Ed Credit Minimum – Kyna Betancourt**

Kyna informed the council that, for variable credit-hour courses, the minimum required credits must be three.

**2. BOG 8.005 Change – Kyna Betancourt**

Working in tandem with SB 266, BOG 8.005 was amended to account for the changes added to the senate bill. BOG 8.005 includes an updated list of approved state general education courses that must be approved by each SUS’ president and Board of Trustees annually to account for the requirements expressed in s. 1007.25 and s. 1007.55 of the Florida Statutes (SB 266). Institutions must submit these courses to the Articulation Coordinating Committee by September 1<sup>st</sup> each year for review.

**3. 24-25 Proposal Moratorium – Kyna Betancourt**

Due to Banner 9 Self Service replacing OASIS, which includes various updates to DegreeWorks and registration, there will be a moratorium on most proposal changes for the 24-25 catalog year. This is to ensure that, in future, the catalog can be published in March—rather than June. This will aid students when

choosing courses as the catalog will be open by fall registration, rather than in the months following. All changes for 26-27 (and henceforth) will proceed as normal through Curriculog, but if colleges have any critical curricular edits for 24-25, they can submit them to Kyna Betancourt for special approval.

**Meeting Concluded – 3:40 p.m.**