

ASU General Studies Council

MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2014

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Present: Luo Aijun (visitor), Charlotte Armbruster, Nilanjana Bhattacharjya, Patrick Bixby, Eva Brumberger, Fred Corey, Alison Essary, Sherri Feng, Lara Ferry, Cory Hansen, Richard Herrera (chair for this meeting), Julie Holston, Susan Kells, Lauren Leo, Phyllis Lucie, Tim McGuire, Lisa McIntyre, Michael Mokwa, Helene Ossipov, Janice Pittsley, Julia Sarreal, Brian Skromme

Excused: Ariel Anbar, Christine Buzinde, Scott Danielson, Eileen Diaz McConnell, Cora Fox, Chouki El Hamel – Chair, Kate Lehman

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes—March 25, 2014

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Announcements

It was announced to the council that the Bylaws which were revised to include a Vice Chair were approved by Fred Corey, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education from the Office of the University Provost.

The election for a Vice Chair was held, and committee members who attended the meeting via teleconferencing voted electronically. Dr. Alison Essary from the College of Health Solutions was elected Vice Chair. Dr. Essary's term will begin fall 2014.

4. Old Business

Revised checklists were submitted prior to the meeting and were posted on the General Studies Council Blackboard site. The council voted on the changes suggested by the subcommittees. A motion to **approve** these changes was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. These changes will be effective Fall 2014.

5. New Business

Clarification was provided regarding 498 Pro-Seminar courses and the Literacy and Critical Inquiry (L) designation. Per the General Studies Council Policies and Procedures, “Professional seminars (XXX 498) in specific departments **may** qualify for L credit based on certification of uniformity of class work assigned.” The decision as to whether a course will be taught in a fashion that meets the breadth of the L criteria will be decided by the college/school.

6. Subcommittee Reports

A) Literacy & Critical Inquiry (Eva Brumberger)

From MCCC:

Approved to retain L designation (mandatory review):

HUM 250 Ideas and Values in the Humanities (Mandatory Review - Revised)

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B) Mathematical Studies (MA)/ (CS) (Brian Skromme)

From ASU:

Revise and Resubmit for CS designation

ASM 465 Quantification and Analysis for Anthropologists (CS) (Mandatory Review - Tabled from February 25th meeting)

Rationale: Course should be revised to at least include multiple demonstrations to students of how computers can be used to perform the statistical analyses more efficiently (or even better, have students use at least spreadsheet tools to carry out automated analyses themselves).

C) Humanities, Fine Arts & Design (HU) (Patrick Bixby)

From ASU:

Approved for HU designation, effective Spring 2015 (new):

LAT/REL/SLC 361 Roman Religion

Revise and Resubmit for HU designation

RDG 291 Children's Literature (Mandatory Review - Revised)

Rationale: This course is fundamentally a teacher training course, and therefore should not qualify for the HU designation. The information presented in the revised proposal only reaffirms this judgment. By the faculty member confirms this to be true: the course does not really teach children's literature as an area of humanistic inquiry; it teaches teachers how to select and use children's literature in their classrooms. There is only minimal and casual critical analysis of the literature itself that might arise in the teacher discussion groups and the reviews they write for Goodreads, and even the "critical reader" textbook that is being used is actually a guide to working with literature in the classroom.

D) Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB) (Michael Mokwa)

From ASU:

Approved for SB designation, effective Spring 2015 (new):

ASB 368 Prehistoric and Historic Hunter-Gatherers

E) Natural Sciences (SQ/SG) (Alison Essary)

From ASU:

Approved for SQ designation, effective Fall 2015 (new):

CON 106 Introduction to Concrete Materials for the Built Environment (SQ)

F) Cultural Diversity in the United States (C) (Susan Kells)

From ASU:

Approved for C designation, effective retroactive Summer 2014 (new):

ASB 327 Action Anthropology (Revised)

From MCCC:

Approved to retain C designation

HIS 106 Southwest History (Mandatory Review)

WST/HUM 209 Women and Films (Mandatory Review)

From ASU:

Revise & Resubmit for C designation:

ASB 316 Money and Culture

Rationale: The highlighted areas engaging to illicit inner city activities in US cities, American's love for discount retail, the production of Latin American coffee and young American subcultures do not in fact relate to the course criteria. Only Module 6's coverage (Module 6 of 6) relating to gender issues in the domestic sphere appears relevant to the criteria.

G) Global Awareness (G) (Richard Herrera)

From ASU:

Approved for G designation, effective Spring 2015 (new):

GCU/SOS 171 The Thread of Energy

POS 367 World Politics and Global Inequalities

Approved for G designation, effective Fall 2015 (new):

RUS 440 Russian Mass Media

H) Historical Awareness (H) (Julia Sarreal)

From ASU:

Approved to retain H designation:

GCU 359 Cities of the World I (Mandatory Review - Revised)

From MCCC:

Approved for H designation, effective Fall 2014 (new):

HIS 190 Environmental History

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by Phyllis Lucie and Lauren Leo