

ASU General Studies Council

MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2014

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Present: Alexandra Aragon, Charlotte Armbruster, Eva Brumberger, Eileen Diaz McConnell, Alison Essary- Vice Chair, Lara Ferry, Cora Fox, Cory Hansen, Sean Hawkeswood, Richard Herrera, Paul Hirt, Julie Holston, Stephen Krause, Lauren Leo, Phyllis Lucie, Tim McGuire, Bertha Manninen, Michael Mokwa, Helene Ossipov, Julia Sarreal, Brian Skromme, Michelle Zandieh

Excused: Ariel Anbar, Nilanjana Bhattacharjya, Christine Buzinde, Chouki El Hamel-Chair, Lisa McIntyre, Janice Pittsley

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes—September 23, 2014

The minutes were approved as written by majority vote. Michelle Zandieh abstained as this was Michelle's first GSC meeting.

3. Announcements

None

4. Old Business

There was a discussion regarding including a rationale for approved courses. It was decided that the rationale for approved courses is optional.

Mandatory review course lists will be sent to GSC members within the next two weeks for review.

5. New Business

There was a discussion that will be addressed at the November 25th GSC meeting under Old Business regarding the suggestion to include critical thinking on criteria checksheets.

6. Subcommittee Reports

A) Literacy & Critical Inquiry (Eva Brumberger)

From ASU:

None

From MCCCDC:

None

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

From ASU:

There were two courses on the original agenda, but they were removed from the agenda by the proposer.

From MCCCDC:

None

C) Humanities, Fine Arts & Design (HU) (Cora Fox)

From ASU:

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

HON 380 Aesthetics and Society

From MCCCDC:

None

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

From ASU:

None

From MCCCDC:

None

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

From ASU:

None

From MCCCDC:

None

F) Cultural Diversity in the United States (C) (Nilanjana Bhattacharjya)

From ASU:

None

From MCCCCD:

None

G) Global Awareness (G) (Richard Herrera)

From ASU:

Revise and Resubmit or Deny for HU designation (new):

FSE 294 Global Engineering

Rationale: The course has a global component, developing a country profile of Vietnam and communicating with students at a partner institution in Vietnam. This component reflects 25% of the course grade. It is unclear to the committee how the remaining portion of the course, dedicated to engineering project management, continues to satisfy global awareness criterion 2a requiring an “in-depth area study” in which the “culture studies is non-U.S.” Much of the remaining course appears to be the same as what would be the case in the United States.

From MCCCCD:

Approved to retain HU designation (mandatory review):

HUM 201 The Humanities: Universal Themes

PSY 225 Psychology of Religion

H) Historical Awareness (H) (Julia Sarreal)

From ASU:

None

From MCCCCD:

None

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Phyllis Lucie