

ASU GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2013
3:00–5:00 p.m.

Present: Craig Allen, Patrick Bixby, Debra Campbell, David Carlson, Maria Chavira, Ron Dorn, Alejandra Elenes, Barbara Fargotstein, Trey Geiger, Chouki El Hamel – Chair, Hilde Hoogenboom, Barbara Lafford, Kate Lehman, Lauren Leo, Phyllis Lucie, Lisa McIntyre, Jeff Ricker

Excused: Volker Benkert, Rebecca Barry, Gregory Castle, Sherry Feng, Antonio Garcia, Peter de Marneffe, Mark Montesano, Joe Rody, Julia Sarreal, Mike Tueller

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes—January 22, 2013

The minutes were approved as written by majority voice vote. There was one abstention.

3. Announcements

Dr. El Hamel informed the council, that the University Senate did not approve the recommendation to remove the SG natural sciences lab.

Dr. El Hamel also informed the GSC, that the request for recruitment for new council members will be sent to deans from Vice Provost, Fred Corey. Dr. El Hamel and Phyllis Lucie will inform Dr. Corey regarding subcommittee vacancies at the end of the spring semester.

Jeff Ricker, MCCCCD representative on the GSC, introduced Maria Chavira as the new representative beginning Fall 2013.

4. Old Business

On-going discussion about GSC Policies and Procedures are held over until the March 26th GSC meeting.

5. New Business

Mike Tueller submitted information regarding the proposed GSC tutorial for faculty. Information was sent to the GSC via e-mail.

6. Subcommittee Reports

A) Literacy & Critical Inquiry (Barbara Fargotstein)

From ASU:

Approved for L designation, effective fall 2013 (new):

BIS 340 Organizational Skills
BIS 345 Organizational Ethics
HST 404 Conquest
HST 494 Latin America and the World Economy
SLC 191 The Ancient Mediterranean (changed to 194 departmental change)
MHL 438 Topics in 18th. Century Music

Revise & Resubmit (More Information Needed):

IEE 485 Systems Design Capstone 1

Rationale: The “Project Essay” looks appropriate to the criteria now. However, a bit more information is needed to address how at least one of the other four (4) is a substantial writing assignment. If this is done, the course would meet the criteria for approval.

IEE 431 Engineering Administration

Rationale: More information is needed about how the two (2) take home exams demonstrate substantial writing. Clearly stated evidence of what these exams entail is necessary for approval.

THE 440 Experimental Theatre and Performance

Rationale: While the proposal does identify the maximum number of pages for a writing assignment (5), it is not clear if there is a minimum acceptable. This clarification would better enable the Literacy & Critical Inquiry subcommittee to better assess whether or not the writing assignments, taken as a whole, are substantial in nature.

B) Mathematical Studies (MA)/(CS) (Joe Rody)

none

C) Humanities, Fine Arts & Design (HU) (Kate Lehman)

From ASU:

Approved for HU designation, effective fall 2013 (new):

SLC 191 Ancient Mediterranean (changed to 194 departmental change)

SPA 431 Prose of the Golden Age

From MCCCDC:

Effective fall 2013 (new):

ENH 252 The Biblical Backgrounds of Literature

Revise and Resubmit

BIS 345 Organizational Ethics

Rationale: Two of us thought that this course did not meet the spirit of the criteria. The readings, drawn in some cases from philosophy, concern ethics, but there is no clear focus on the *development* of values or ethics or belief systems that explain them (criterion 1) or of human thought generally (criterion 4a). The course is narrowly focused on ethics in organizations (as it should be), but as such is concerned more with *application* than *analysis* of ethical systems. Reject, but will accept a revised proposal.

D) Social and Behavioral Sciences (Rebecca Barry)

From ASU:

none

From MCCCDC:

none

E) Natural Sciences (SQ/SG) (Ron Dorn)

none

F) Cultural Diversity in the United States (Alejandra Elenes)

From ASU

Approved for C designation, effective fall 2013 (new):

WST 294 Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality

From MCCCDC:

none

G) Global Awareness (Mike Tueller)

From ASU:

Approved for G designation, effective fall 2013 (new):

HST 404 Conquest

HST 494 Latin America and the World Economy

From MCCCDC:

none

H) Historical Awareness (Jeffrey Ricker)

From ASU:

Approved for H designation, effective fall 2013 (new):

SLC 191 The Ancient Mediterranean (changed to 194 departmental change)
HST 494 Latin America and the World Economy

From MCCCDC:

none

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by Phyllis Lucie