

ASU GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

3:00–5:00 p.m.

Ira A. Fulton Foundation Center – 2nd floor- room 2490

Present: Debra Campbell, Renee Cesaro, John Chance, Ron Dorn, Barbara Fargotstein, Chouki El Hamel—Interim Chair, John Hepburn, Bernard Kobes, Phyllis Lucie, Peter de Marneffe, Tom Martin, Ron Roedel, Joe Rody, Doug Spencer, Jeff Ricker, Kathy Wigal

Excused: Craig Allen, Rebecca Barry, Alejandra Elenes, Cecelia Fiery, Antonio Garcia, Matthias Kawski, Kristin LaCroix, Barbara Lafford, Eduardo Pagan, Helene Ossipov, Mike Tueller

Guest: Sharita Thompson – Graduate Student from ATA0

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes—March 23, 2010

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Announcements

Vice Provost, John Hepburn attended the GSC meeting and thanked the council for their commitment and dedication. John announced that Chouki El Hamel will serve as GSC interim chair until the council votes in a permanent chair in the fall.

Kathy Wigal will send out an e-mail to the Council soliciting members that might be interested in the position of chair of the GSC. Barbara Fargotstein, Ron Roedel and Phyllis Lucie will serve on a nominating committee to facilitate this process.

Ron Dorn shared with the GSC upcoming omnibus courses that will be submitted for general studies consideration in the new academic year. Ron informed the council that these newly developed courses will be designed as part of a grant for elementary education.

4. **Old Business**

None

5. **New Business**

None

6. **Subcommittee Reports**

A) **Literacy & Critical Inquiry (Barbara Fargotstein)**

From ASU

Approved for L designation, retroactive Spring 2010 (new):

ECD 413 Literacy Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Approved for L designation, retroactive Fall 2010 (new):

SWU 303 Micro Human Behavior in the Social Environment

Approved to retain L designation (mandatory review):

HST 300 Historical Inquiry

HST 387 Japan

HST 407 Early U.S. Republic/1790-1850

CON 496 Construction Contract Administration

Hold for Clarification :

HST 432 East Europe the Balkans (new)

It appears that 400 of the possible 550 possible points in this course are derived through exams. It is unclear in the submitted documentation how writing on the exams is considered substantial.

MAE 491 Experimental Mechanical Engineering (mandatory review)

Laboratory reports number nine and comprise three-fourths of the grade, but it was difficult to discern how these written reports show evidence of substantial writing. Clarification is needed as to how these reports are substantial in nature. It would help if the materials had included the last part of the criteria checklist which asks for clear identification of where in the syllabus one would find specific evidence of substantial writing expectations.

ASB/SOS/SOC 370 Production, People, and Environments (new)

In the explanation of how the course meets the criteria, a 3000 word research paper is described. However, there was no mention within the syllabus of this substantial level of writing. Also, it would help if the materials had included the last part of the criteria checklist which asks for clear identification of where in the syllabus one would find specific evidence of substantial writing.

From MCCCCD

Approved to retain L designation (mandatory review):

PHI 106 Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

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

From MCCCCD

Approved to retain the CS designation (mandatory review)

GPH 220 Intermediate GIS Using ArcGIS

C) Humanities, Fine Arts & Design (HU) (Doug Spencer)

From ASU

Approved for HU designation, retroactive Fall 2010 (new):

ALA 102 Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Society

MHL 140 Music as Culture

Rationale: The instructor did not provide specific examples on how the course meets criteria #2, and #4c.

NOTE: updated information received, reviewed and approved for MHL 140

From MCCCCD:

Approved for HU designation Fall 2010 (new):

PHI 251 Philosophy of Sport

Approved to retain HU designation (mandatory review):

SPA 265 Advanced Spanish I

SPA 266 Advanced Spanish II

STO 292 The Art of Storytelling (cross-listed with EDU 292 and HUM 292)

Courses in Need of More Support Material

From ASU

ALA 240 Building Construction (new)

Rationale: Syllabus incomplete

HON 366 International France (new)

*Rationale :*Insufficient documentation. The instructor did

not provide specific examples on the forms.

DCE 300 Moving Histories (mandatory review)

Rationale: The instructor has not filled out the forms correctly. The instructor did not provide specific examples of how each criterion is being met.

D) Social and Behavioral Sciences (John Chance)

From ASU

Approved for SB designation effective retroactive Fall 2010 (new):

ASB 101 Anthropology: Understanding Human Diversity

SWU 194 Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies

ASB/SOS/SOC 370 Production, People and Environments (additional material submitted)

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

No Report

F) Cultural Diversity in the United States (Barbara Lafford)

From MCCC

Revise and Resubmit (mandatory review)

PSY 235 Psychology of Gender

Rationale: Although issues of gender and identity clearly form the basis of this course, neither the syllabi nor the readings (the TOC submitted) deals with gender issues **in a US context**. We suggest that this syllabus and readings be re-submitted after incorporating information that would substantiate the fulfillment of criteria 1 and 2a, 2b, or 2c of the C criteria listed on the GSC website.

G) Global Awareness (Debra Campbell)

From ASU

Approve for G designation, effective Fall 2010 (new):

ASB 101 Anthropology: Understanding Human Diversity

Approved to retain G designation (mandatory review):

CON 101 Construction and Culture: a Built Environment

From MCCC

Deny for G designation (mandatory review):

HIS 110 World History to 1500

Rationale: As our understanding of the Global Awareness criteria has sharpened, we now agree that a course that only covers material up to the 1500s would not fulfill the "contemporary world" clause in requirement 1 of the criteria. The applicants clearly recognize this, and they make a valiant case, but the very title and nature of the course makes it impossible to be sufficiently "contemporary" for our criteria. All the core competencies in the course, as might be expected from the title, go only up to 1500.

H) Historical Awareness (Jeffrey Ricker)
No Report

Community College Mandatory Review for 2009-10:

Prefix	Number	Title (ctrl + click on title for course description)	Designation	Action (Select from Drop-down List)
AIS	140	American Indian History Cross listed: HIS 140	H	Self Evidently Met
AIS	140	American Indian History Cross Listed: HIS 140	SB	Self Evidently Met
AIS	140	American Indian History Cross Listed: HIS 140	C	Self Evidently Met
ARH	217	Mexican Art History	HU	Self Evidently Met
CFS	159	The Modern Family	SB	Self Evidently Met
CFS	176	Child Development Cross Listed: ECH176	SB	Self Evidently Met
ENH	113	Writers/Directors and Current Issues	HU	Self Evidently Met
ENH	206	Nature and Environmental Literature	HU	Self Evidently Met
ENH	214	Poetry Study	HU	Self Evidently Met
ENH	230	Introduction To Shakespeare	HU	Self Evidently Met
ENH	254	Literature and Film	L	Review
ENH	284	19th Century Women Writers Cross Listed: WST 284	HU	Self Evidently Met
ENH	284	19th Century Women Writers Cross Listed: WST 284	C	Review
ENH	285	Contemporary Women Writers Cross Listed: WST285	HU	Self Evidently Met

ENH	285	Contemporary Women Writers Cross Listed: WST 285	C	Self Evidently Met
FON	143	Food and Culture	G	Self Evidently Met
FOR	105	Forensic Science: Physical Evidence	SQ	Review
FRE	265	Advanced French I	HU	Review
FRE	265	Advanced French I	G	Self Evidently Met
GCU	221	Arizona Geography	SB	Review
GCU	221	Arizona Geography	C	Review
HUM	101	General Humanities	HU	Self Evidently Met
HUM	125	The Urban Experience	HU	Self Evidently Met
HUM	209	Women and Films Cross Listed: WST 209	HU	Self Evidently Met
HUM	211AA	Foreign Films: Classics	HU	Self Evidently Met
HUM	211AB	Foreign Films: Japanese	HU	Self Evidently Met
HUM	211AC	Foreign Films: French	HU	Self Evidently Met
HUM	211AA	Foreign Films: Classics	G	Self Evidently Met
HUM	213	Hispanic Film	HU	Self Evidently Met
IBS	109	Cultural Dimension for International Trade	SB	Review
MHL	143	Music in World Cultures	HU	Self Evidently Met
PHI	109	Philosophy of the Arts	HU	Self Evidently Met
PHI	233AA	Metaphysics: An Introduction	HU	Self Evidently Met
PHI	233AB	Theory of Knowledge	HU	Self Evidently Met
PHI	234AA	Plato	HU	Self Evidently Met
PSY	218	Health Psychology	SB	Self Evidently Met
REL	101	Introduction to Religion	HU	Self Evidently Met
SOC	110	Drugs and Society	SB	Self Evidently Met
SOC	142	Sociology of the Chicano Community	SB	Self Evidently Met
SOC	210	The Child In Society	SB	Self Evidently Met
SOC	240	Race and Ethnic Relations: American and Global Perspectives	SB	Self Evidently Met
SOC	240	Race and Ethnic Relations: American and Global Perspectives	C	Review

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by Phyllis Lucie