

General Education Council
Meeting Minutes (Approved 3/1/2013)

Meeting Date: 1 Feb 2013

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Location: Student Resource Center Conference Room, MSC

| Name | Organization | Status | Attended |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| Beach, Gretchen Rae | Library | Voting Member | 1 |
| Brammer, Camilla A | COLA | Voting Member | 1 |
| Cartwright, Tina | COE | Voting Member | 0 |
| Graham, Mary Jo | COE | Voting Member | 1 |
| Laubach, Marty | COLA | Voting Member | 0 |
| Lawson, Stephen | COFA | Voting Member | 1 |
| Leonard, Tricia | COHP | Voting Member | 1 |
| LoCascio, Nicki | Honors/COS | Voting Member | 1 |
| McClure, Rex | COB | Voting Member | 1 |
| Sias, Jennifer | SOJMC | Voting Member | 0 |
| Silver, Judith | COS | Voting Member | 1 |
| Simonton, Scott | CITE | Voting Member | 0 |
| Stroeher, Vicki | COFA | Voting Member | 0 |
| Swindell, Christopher | SOJMC | Voting Member | 1 |
| Wait, Isaac William | CITE | Voting Member | 1 |
| Dennison, Corley | AA | ex-officio | 1 |
| Reynolds, Mary E | Assessment | ex-officio | 1 |
| Smith, Sherri | CTL | ex-officio | 1 |

1. Minutes of the 12/12/2012 meeting were approved.
2. Report on items discussed during last meeting:
 - a. **Meeting Times for Spring** -- The SRC Conference Room has been reserved for 12:00 noon on March 1 and April 5. The meeting for May 3 will be in a different location.
 - b. **SPN 411** -- This course was approved for INTL recertification in November, but accidentally reconsidered and put on hold in the December meeting. The Modern Language Department has since clarified that pre-modern aspects of this course are covered from the perspective of the modern world, and the impact these historical issues have on the current situation. A motion was made to approve it again. The motion was seconded and carried.
 - c. **Tabled Applications** – SOS 207 was resubmitted by George Watson; with cover sheet, sample assignments, & master syllabus. A motion was made to recertify this course for Multicultural status. The motion was seconded and carried.

- d. **Core Domains** – It was noted that the revised Core Domains proposal was approved by Faculty Senate. Congratulations were given to Mary Beth Reynolds and her team.

3. New Course Approval Requests

- a. ESS (CT) – APPROVED. Some committee members had concerns about the strength of the Information Literacy component of this course. Specifically, it was noted that students should be involved in the identification and retrieval of information. While there is some evidence of this in the course, it appears to be limited. It was agreed to share the following information with the applicant to strengthen his syllabus (and course): Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education:
<http://www.ala.org/acrl/standards/informationliteracycompetency#ildef>

4. Recertification Requests

- a. PSC 209 (INTL) -- APPROVED
- b. PSC 405 (INTL) -- APPROVED
- c. PSC 406 (INTL) -- APPROVED
- d. PSC 408 (INTL) -- APPROVED
- e. PSC 409 (INTL) -- APPROVED
- f. PSC 410 (INTL) -- APPROVED
- g. PSC 411 (INTL) -- APPROVED
- h. PSC 415 (INTL) -- APPROVED
- i. PSC 416 (INTL) -- APPROVED
- j. PSC 423 (INTL) -- APPROVED
- k. PSC 429 (INTL) -- APPROVED
- l. PSC 431 (INTL) -- APPROVED
- m. RST 300 (MC) -- APPROVED
- n. SOS 207 (MC) -- APPROVED

5. New Business

- a. **University College request** -- Amber Bentley would like to be notified of the GEC agenda, and to receive pre-approved minutes. The Council voted to add University College to the list of entities that have non-voting membership (i.e., a representative from University College shall now be an ex-officio member of the Council).
- b. **Advisor to Advisor Chat** – On February 22, the GEC co-chairs will be updating the advisors on GEC activities. JS will present upcoming changes in distinguishing between INTL & MC, as well as approval for courses includes e-course and honors sections. IW will present website changes and where to find current lists of courses with designators. The chairs are open to suggestions regarding further topics that should be presented.
- c. **GEC Chair Duties** – A preliminary work-flow sheet for GEC chairs was distributed. Council members were requested to read over the list, and to make additions and/or corrections at the March meeting.

6. Other Business:

- a. **Learning Outcomes** -- Sherri Smith informed the Council that faculty members attending CT training workshops often need to know which learning outcomes were selected on the *Critical Thinking Designator Form* for previously approved courses. After some discussion, it was suggested that any faculty member who needs that information should be instructed to secure the document from their respective GEC representative, who has access to the GEC sharepoint

repository. Gretchen Beach has a large archive of electronic files for courses approved prior to the adoption of the repository.

- b. **Revision to CT Requirements** -- Sherri Smith handed out some info sheets regarding the changes to the Core Domains definitions. Previously CT courses had to address 2 of the 7 domains and 3 of the 5 outcomes. Now there is no distinction between domains and outcomes, but there are 9 categories. The Council requested that she write up some suggested changes to the CT materials on the Gen Ed website, and bring them to the next meeting for discussion.