

General Education Committee Minutes

September 6, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m.

Members Present: Elif Akcali, Shannon Cochrane, Eva Czarnecka, Creed Greer, David Julian, Tanya Koropeckyj-Cox, John Krigbaum, Lynn O’Sickey, John Palmer, Alison Reynolds, Vicki Sarajedini, Brenda Smith, Bethany Taylor, and Michael Weigold

Guest: Will Hasty, Melanie Veige, and Philip Brucat

Chair: Bernard Mair

Executive Secretary: Ann Greene

1. Welcome and Introduction of Committee Members

Dr. Mair began the meeting by welcoming everyone to a new semester and a new school year and a special welcome to the new members of the committee. Introductions of Committee members and guest were made.

2. Minutes from May 3rd meeting were approved with the correction

- Course IDS 2338 “S” designation is missing.

3. Courses for Review: (Click on Title for supporting materials)

Course#	Title	Current GE & WR	Request	Approved/ Denied
CHM 1083	Consumer Chemistry	P (This course is on the zero enrollment list to be deleted)	P	Denied
MEM 3301	Palaces and Cities	NONE	H,N	H – Approved N – Denied

CHM 1083 *Consumer Chemistry*, Denied P. This course currently has the (P) designation but had no enrollments for the three year period 2009-12. In Spring 2013, the college was informed the course would lose its Gen Ed designation if it was not re-approved. The course is currently being taught online with the (P) designation, but will lose that designation effective Fall 2014 if it is not re-approved this year. There was much discussion and interaction with the course coordinator and instructor regarding how students would learn to “formulate empirically-testable hypotheses” and “apply techniques of discovery and critical thinking to evaluate outcomes of experiments”. The committee decided that the syllabus did not provide sufficient detail to determine how these requirements would be met.

MEM 3301 *Palaces and Cities*, Approved H. Denied N. There was much discussion with the director of the Center of Medieval and Early Modern Studies regarding how students would learn to evaluate their “own cultural norms and values in relation to those

held by the citizens of other counties”, and “develop a cross-cultural understanding of the rest of the world”. The committee decided that the course was unable to provide those opportunities in the context of the modern world.

4. Election of Co-Chair

Creed Greer was elected as the Senate Co-Chair.

5. Course Recertification Procedures

David Julian briefly discussed the changes that were made to the course recertification procedure process.

6. Statewide Gen Ed Core Project

Mair briefly commented on the report of the final recommendations of the General Education Steering and Faculty Committees. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.