

General Education Committee Minutes

November 2, 2012

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

Members Present: Elif Akcali, Tim Brophy, Alex Cohen, Eva Czarnecka, Sidney Dobrin, Melissa Johnson, David Julian, Lynn O'Sickey, Morgan Pigg, Alison Reynolds, Brenda Smith, Bethany Taylor, Bob Thomson and Michael Weigold

Guests: Victoria Pagain

Co-Chairs: Bernard Mair and Creed Greer

Executive Secretary: Ann Greene

1. Welcome and Introduction of Committee Members:

Creed Greer chaired today's meeting welcoming everyone to the committee. Introductions of Committee members and guests were made.

2. Minutes from the Oct. 5th meeting were approved: majority approved, 1 abstained

3. Course Reviews:

BSC 2862 *Global Change Ecology*, Approved (B) designation effective Spring 2013.

BUL 4443 *Ethics in Global Business*, Denied (E4). The course curriculum outlined in the syllabus does not meet General Education requirements for the Writing Requirement designation. The syllabus needs to include more information on how the reflection assignments satisfy the writing requirements, a recommended writing handbook, and a link to the UF grading information. The make-up policy does not align with UF policy.

CLA 3504 *Gender and Sexuality*, Approved (H) designation effective Spring 2013. Denied (D, N, and E6) designations. The course curriculum outlined by the syllabus does not meet the Writing Requirement, Diversity, or International designations for General Education. The essay writing assignments do not align with UF Writing Requirement guidelines, and the recommended writing handbook is missing. The Diversity and International designations were denied because the components of the course schedule do not reflect how ancient society is compared to modern society.

RUS 3442 *Dante's Inferno*, Approved (H, N) designations effective Spring 2013.

4. SERU Questions:

The changes and additions of the SERU questions were discussed. It was decided that "General Education" be capitalized throughout the form and the words *Gen Ed* be put in parentheses. Finally, it was agreed that only questions 1, 5, 6, and 7 would be used. These changes were voted on and approved.

5. Approval of AAC Gen Ed SLOs:

The Academic Assessment Committee discussed the general education SLOs at their October 2012 meeting. The committee recommended the removal of the word “*discipline*” and replaced it with “*General Education*” area and an asterisk at the bottom describing what the areas are. The document was approved unanimously. The Assessment Plan booklet was tabled for another meeting due to time constraints.

6. Proposals:

- a. It was proposed the General Education Committee stop receiving new applications requests for Gen Ed and, Writing and Math Requirement courses as of the middle of November until further notice since there will be significant changes to the Gen Ed program as a result of legislative activities. The committee decided to continue to accept applications and inform faculty that their courses may not be included in the Gen Ed program after 2014.
- b. The committee approved the policy that all sections of Writing Requirement courses must carry the WR designation for the same number of words as approved by the General Education Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.