

General Education Committee Meeting

May 4, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 9:07am

Present: Tim Brophy, Emily Butler, Elayne Colon, Eva Czarnecka-Verner, Michael Gorham, Creed Greer, Matthew Jacobs, Tanya Koropecyj-Cox, John Krigbaum, Angela Lindner, Gillian Lord, David Miller, Heidi Radunovich, Alison Reynolds, Brenda Smith, Stacy Steinberg

Absent: Clifford Bowers, Cindy Craig, Gaylen Morgan, Lynn O'Sickey, Heather Ray, Jennifer Rea, Evelyn Veras

Guests: Tobin Shorey, Brent Henderson, Sharon Austin

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2. Minutes approved from April 6, 2018 meeting without edits

3. Courses for Review:

- AFA4936 – African American Studies Senior Integrative Seminar (Requesting GE-S and 6000 Words)
Approved
- LIN2XXX – Language in the USA (Requesting GE-H and GE-D)
Conditionally Approved pending submission of participation rubric
- COM4930/LIN4930 – Language and Power (Requesting GE-S and GE-D)
Conditionally Approved contingent upon (1) explanation of each chapter reading in weekly plan showing how the content matches social science and diversity, (2) Update SLO table to include course-specific examples of diversity work (like was done for the social science grouping above it), (3) Inclusion of weekly readings from canvas into weekly plan (with understanding that these will change as the course evolves).
- IDS4930 – People and Big Data (Retroactive Request GE-S for Fall2017)
Approved with extension of timeframe to last THROUGH Summer 2019.

4. Assessment Subcommittee Report: Dr. David Miller presented revised wording for Composition Component of General Education. – Committee voted to remove “clear and effective” from Communication SLO. Attached document has updated text. SLOs approved.

5. Items from the Floor:

- Is there an explicit requirement that Gen Ed Composition and Writing Requirement be in English? Gillian will research over the summer
- Dr. Lindner and Casey will be looking into producing guidelines or courses for preparing UF Quest courses to come before the committee to streamline process
- Review subcommittee member would like to open discussion on having more time to review courses in advance.
- Tim Brophy pointed out that SACSCOC now considers Gen Ed as part of the “improvement process,” which means assessment will be a requirement. We will need to report for the first time March 2020. Please include Dr. Brophy and Gen Ed Assessment on agenda next fall.
- Topic for discussion next year: should Gen Ed courses have prerequisites or be upper division?
- Topic for discussion next Year: General Education and Rotating Topics
- Guidelines for having faculty present courses: should they step out for discussion and vote?
- Casey will prepare a survey for committee members to review processes and meeting environment.