Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
Monday, January 27, 2014
LI 2250
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Jennifer Eagan, Zach Hallab, Howard Lei, Bijan Mashaw, James Mitchell, Sally Murphy, Sarah Nielsen, Christian Roessler, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik
Absent: Donna Wiley.
Guests: Vicki Cosgrove, Mitch Craig, Julie Stein.

1. Introductions
Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of agenda (M Bliss/S Soules/P)

3. Approval of the minutes (M Soules/S Nielsen/P)

4. Courses for review:
   a. EPSY 3000 (Move to accept Mitchell/S Mashaw/P with 2 abstentions)
      Roessler asked about whether the course is specialized, perhaps too much so, for GE. Watnik asked whether ENGL 1002 and Critical Thinking were prerequisites, as per 02-03 CIC 12. Murphy responded that PeopleSoft does not enforce prerequisites and no courses explicitly list these prerequisites, though they are listed in the GE section of the Catalog.
   b. EPSY 3001 (Move to accept Eagan /S Bliss /P with 5 abstentions)
      There were questions about the Meyers Briggs at the outset and whether this course is broadly applicable. There were also questions about whether the research component is sufficient.
   c. THEA 2225 (Move to accept Soules/S Mashaw/P).
   d. ENSC 2300 Move to table (M Soules/S Mitchell/P).
   e. HIST 1014, 1015, 1016 (Move to accept Soules/S Mitchell/P). There were concerns about freshmen learning exclusively online.

5. Introduction to the Critical Thinking Rubric. Nielsen and Stein gave the subcommittee a package of papers to begin thinking about the process of aligning the rubric.

6. Using Blackboard for assessing GE courses time certain 3:00
   Julie Stein and Bernie Salvador spoke with the subcommittee about the “outcomes” module in Blackboard for assessment.


Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, GE subcommittee secretary