Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
May 12, 2014
LI 2250
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:07.

1. Approval of minutes: (M Soules/S Mitchell/P).

   The Chair noted that this was the last meeting of the year.

3. New Business
   a. Course approvals
      i. PHYS 3080 (M Mashaw/S Nielsen/P) Questions regarding there only being 2 units (1 unit for lecture and 1 for lab). Motion was to provisionally approve, subject to a couple of issues addressed by the Chair and Physics Department.
      ii. GEOG 3320 (M Mashaw/S Mitchell/P). Motion is to approve, provisionally upon the Department providing a completed GE application.
      iii. PHIL 3444 (M Mashaw/S Eagan/P)
   b. Closing the loop on critical thinking. Motion to accept (M Mitchell/S Nielsen/). Eagan noted that, because of the large class (82 vs. typically 30-35), the papers would have been higher quality. Accordingly, the committee expressed interest in trying this on a regular-sized course before overhauling the rubric.


Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary