Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
March 9, 2015
LI 2250
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Jennifer Eagan, Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Linda Ivey, Yi Karnes, Rita Liberti, Sally Murphy, Diane Satin, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik
Absent: none.
Guests: Nick Baham, Eileen Barrett, Cristian Gaedecke, Karina Garbesi, Mike Hedrick, Erik Helgren, Saeid Motavalli, Sarah Nielsen, Bill Pezzaglia, Jason Singley, Louis Villanueva, Meiling Wu.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03.

1. Approval of the agenda. (M Liberti/S Ivey/P)

2. Approval of the minutes of Feb. 23. (M Soules/S Bliss/P).

3. New Business
   a. MLL 3611 New Chinese Cinema in English (M Murphy/S Soules/ P)
      It was pointed out that, while there is a final exam in the syllabus, it is not counted towards the grade. There was a note that online courses have issues with the oral communications component of C4. Out of the context of the course at hand, there was discussion about how/whether oral communication will be addressed under semester requirement. There was some discussion about "google hangouts" or similar as a mechanism for oral communication. However, ITAC is discussing this (and FERPA is considered to be an issue with these platforms). The subcommittee requested that, since the course is offered both online and on-ground, the oral communication part (replacing the discussion boards) be noted for the on-ground portion of the course in the application.
   b. MLL 3831 Experiencing Japanese Culture in English (M Murphy/S Soules/ P). The syllabus is for the online course (which is the only format that has been used so far). Wu indicated that there will be a slight change, akin to the one for MLL 3611 above, for on-ground courses to have oral communication to be addressed directly.

4. Discussions / Presentations
   a. Presentation from the Cultural Groups / Women Subcommittee (14-15 CIC 24: Proposal for re-envisioning the Cultural Groups and Women’s graduation requirement in the context of semester conversion). Barrett and Baham gave a Powerpoint presentation, beginning with the CGW...
charge. The requirement began in 1981-2. The learning outcomes were adopted in 2003-4. CSUEB was “among the first” campuses to implement the CGW graduation requirement. The learning outcomes were the first in the system, according to Murphy. The CGW subcommittee surveyed the chairs of the CGW courses offered. The results were to continue, but to do more, including intersectionalities. The revision of the learning outcomes proved to be “an impossible task”. Chico has pathways including gender and sexuality; and diversity studies. SJSU has two courses. SFSU has four overlay requirements, but counts them towards major requirements. CSULA requires two diversity courses. Recommendation is to take the existing upper division GE courses (B6, C4, D4) and have them overlay with 3 topics. It was pointed out that the courses listed for B6 were either non-existant or not approved for B6 (one of them was approved for another area). There was lively debate over the proposal. (M Eagan / S Murphy / P) to ask CGW Subcommittee to draft learning outcomes for the 3 overlay requirements.

b. Discussion of potential GE models

c. Renewed Discussion of Sustainability in GE. Garbesi thanked CGW for their discussion and their inclusion of sustainability as part of the overlay in upper division GE. She noted that sustainability cannot be imposed in lower division GE for transfer. The Sustainability Group met previously and using rumors of the CGW proposal and, with concerns for lack of diversity of courses, they felt that having 2 overlays (ILO 5 sustainability and ILO 3 diversity/CGW) with one open upper division course to allow more choices in GE. There was consensus that the sustainability and cultural groups and women groups work together for learning outcomes.

5. Adjournment. (M Watnik/S Eagan/P). Prior to adjournment, the chair reminded the subcommittee that there is a meeting next week (3/17, 8:30-10). Some members indicated that they could not attend. The meeting would be in LI 2250. The meeting was adjourned at 3:57.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary