Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
February 15, 2016
SF 329
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Luz Calvo, Eric Fricke, Julie Glass, Yi Karnes, Rita Liberti, Sarah Nielsen, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik.
Absent: Zach Hallab.
Guests: Sophie Rollins.

The Chair (Glass) called the meeting to order at 4:00.

1. Approval of the agenda. (M Calvo/S Nielsen/P). GE feedback was substituted for Overlay feedback (deferred to the open hours in the coming weeks).
2. Approval of the minutes (M Calvo/S Bliss/P).
3. Reports
   a. Chair. Glass noted the format for the email feedback messages. She noted that pay forms were being distributed and that they needed to filled out for the quarters of pay/assigned time. The overlays were distributed to the faculty and the first listening session is next week. Comments were given on how to encourage feedback to the listening sessions, as opposed to last minute comments at the Senate.
   b. GE Director. No report.
   c. Semesters. Not present.

4. Business:
   a. New course request: SOC 3530 Continuity and Change in Brazilian Society-Study Abroad. Tabled until the next meeting by consensus, as the application was emailed to the subcommittee minutes before the meeting. It was noted that, since CIC was not meeting for 3 weeks, approving this week or next didn’t matter in the timeline.
   b. GE outcomes feedback. Glass showed the recommended changes from the Senate mailing list. Some suggested alterations were recommended by the subcommittee. Jim Murray’s suggestions about B1 and B2 were modified and adopted. Chris Moreman’s suggestion about C2 was modified and adopted. The subcommittee considered Sherman Lewis’ suggestions about active voices for lower division D, but didn’t care for the resulting phrasing. Other comments were rejected. (M Watnik / S Thompson/ P) to approve these re-revised GE outcomes.
   c. Code Requirements. Thompson proposed some wording for the Code Requirements using the phrasing from the EO as a basis, but with some clarifications. All 3 requirements (history, constitution, California government) need to be met in 2 courses. It was noted that most courses on this campus either address the first and second or the first and third.
There is not a course that addresses the second and third here, but there are some at the local community colleges. The subcommittee wants the draft outcomes to be sent to the chairs of Ethnic Studies, History, and Political Science (as these are the affected departments).

d. Cluster structure. Thompson asked about whether the clusters might be carried into the second year, whether more than one disciplinary course might be considered to be part of the cluster. There were questions about class sizes in relation to clusters and whether larger clusters tend to have higher fail rates, though it was pointed out that there may well be confounding in such conclusions.

5. Adjournment. (M Bliss/S Liberti/P). The meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary