Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
February 8, 2016
SF 329
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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

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

1. Approval of the agenda. (M Calvo/S Nielsen/P).
2. Approval of the minutes (M Calvo/S Nielsen/P).
3. Reports
   a. Chair. Glass discussed the Senate’s discussion of 15-16 CIC 20. The Senate did not vote on the document, but got much of the work done.
   b. GE Director. Thompson noted that the exams process still needs to be completed.
   c. Semesters. Perry inquired as to whether subcommittee members were willing to work to approve courses during the summer. There were questions as to payments and as to what the anticipated workloads would be. A subcommittee member asked about process, noting that courses are unlikely to be approved at the college until late this year. It was noted that college committees are already passing courses. A concern was expressed about approving courses for just GE (not overlay), but someone else said that those courses should be held until the overlays are determined. Someone noted that faculty members would be unable to come to the meeting. Watnik responded that any course that had comments requiring responses would be tabled for the fall.

4. Business:
   a. New course request: SOC 3530 Continuity and Change in Brazilian Society-Study Abroad. This item was tabled due to the agenda not being properly posted / linked until shortly before the meeting.
   b. Overlay outcomes. The subcommittee discussed strategies for approaching the overlays. The consensus was to seek feedback for all 3 simultaneously, rather than doing it piecemeal. The subcommittee chose to consider the diversity outcome first. Using the recommendation from last year’s CGW recommendation, the work moved quickly, with a change being to the statement about “historically oppressed groups” and using “such as” (in contrast to the seemingly exhaustive list proposed). The subcommittee then moved to social justice. Calvo had provided the subcommittee with recommendations from last year’s CGW subcommittee, along with the outcomes from a similar outcome from
SFSU. There were two originally proposed outcomes. Some subcommittee members argued for a third that would consider multiple perspectives in the course. The subcommittee decided to use the phrasing “describe the challenges to achieving social justice.”

There was discussion about sustainability. (M Watnik / S Soules / P) to approve these as the draft outcomes for distribution to campus community for feedback.

5. Adjournment. (M Liberti/S Watnik/P). The agenda will be for Code course and preliminary feedback. After that, there will be listening sessions. The meeting adjourned at 3:57.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary