Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
January 25, 2017
SF 466
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Absent: Caron Inouye, Maureen Scharberg.
Guests: none.

The Chair (Glass) called the meeting to order at 2:01.

1. Approval of Agenda. (M Watnik/S Soules/P).
2. Approval of minutes.
   a. 1/18/17. (M Soules/S Nielsen/P).
3. Reports
   a. Report of the Chair. Glass said that she sent an email to Environmental Studies and Geography about their area B cross-listed course proposals and received a prolonged email in response from Karina Garbesi regarding the proposed policy in CIC 36.
   b. Report of General Education Director. Neither Scharberg nor Inouye were present.
4. Business (courses available in Curriculog): There was further discussion about the process. One of the area working groups did not give an indication of “forward or reroute”. It was clarified to most people’s satisfaction. When a proposal is rerouted and an individual subcommittee member gets an email what should be done? The consensus seemed to be that the department sends it back and the working group reconsiders. If the working group sends it forward, fine; if not, the application will be held until the department can be invited to meet with the subcommittee. A category called “strong concerns” was created wherein the proposal may be rejected (or has been rerouted but the concerns were not properly addressed).
   a. Courses for review.
      i. Approve all but 4 courses listed below from 1/18 consent calendar (M Watnik/S Soules/P). LIB 200 and 210 need prerequisite changed from ENGL 1000 to ENGL 100.
      ii. COMM 260. Concern was expressed about the second outcome. An argument was made to reroute to have more specific elaboration. The working group C will reroute. Nielsen will be the contact person for this course.
      iii. GEOL 210 (M Watnik/S Glass/P). There was discussion about the ethics answers in 2a. Watnik indicated that the proposal did give specifics about "faked data", in contrast to other
proposals that were rerouted which barely, if at all, discussed ethics.

iv. PHIL 324 (removed from consent at last week’s meeting). The concern was about the overlay, not the area C4. The concern was that the course description says “topics may include...” Even if “may” was changed to “will”, there is the issue of diversity is just one topic in a fairly long list including “love and sexuality, promiscuity, prostitution, adultery, homosexuality, sexual harassment, pornography, and same-sex marriage.” The focus of the class is not Calvo argued to reject the proposal. It was established that the quarter course (3161) is not currently a CGW course. Glass will send an email to Philosophy to request their attendance.

v. GEOG 340 will be held due to cross-listing

vi. Approve all courses from 1/25 “consent” calendar (M Watnik/S Nielsen/P) except REC 100, 200, and 310, which are to be rerouted; those were mistakenly listed on consent. The following courses were approved: BIOL 333 (B6), 335 (B6); ENVT 330 (D4 Sustainability); ES 326, 360; GEOG 353 (D4), 356 (D4), 450 (B6), 455 (D4 Sustainability), 465 (D4 Sustainability); GEOL 100 (B1/B3), 101 (B1), 102 (B3), 230 (B1); HSC 362 (D4); KIN 270(D1-3 Diversity), 320 (D4 Diversity); REC 230 (D1-3), 300 (D4).

vii. HOS 299. There was discussion about this course. Scharberg rejected the original application for area E and recommended the course apply for area D. The working group rejected the area D application (and there seemed to be consensus that area E might be viable). This will be discussed at next week's meeting. Concerns were expressed about Scharberg’s apparent rejection of the original area E application.

viii. HIST 376. The working group recommended rejection of the D4 course, but consideration of the course as C4. There was consensus that this was a good recommendation, but there was potential for D4 approval if the form was reconstituted.

5. Adjournment. The subcommittee adjourned to working groups at 3:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary