Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
March 1, 2017
SF 466
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Luz Calvo, Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Caron Inouye, Rita Liberti, Sarah Nielsen, Christian Roessler, Maureen Scharberg, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik, Chongqi Wu.
Absent: .
Guests: none.

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

1. Approval of Agenda. (M Inouye/S Calvo/P).
2. Approval of minutes.
   a. 2/15/17. (M Soules/S Bliss/P). It was acknowledged since the secretary left early that some of the discussion about B6 was not captured.
3. Reports
   b. Report of General Education Director. Inouye was selected for the statewide GE task force (one of 2 non-ASCSU). There is language in the quarter Catalog mandating that lower division area requirements be satisfied before a student can get credit for upper division GE. It was noted that practically speaking because of articulation for transfer students that this had never been enforced. The semester policies did not list this requirement, so that policy will not carry forward. Inouye also commented about B5. The consensus seemed to be that, if a student has completed B1-B4 under quarters, but opts for the semesters Catalog, would allow them to be considered completing that area. To satisfy the units requirement, the student would be allowed to take an extra GE course in any area. Inouye and Scharberg will draft a document for consideration for next week.
4. Business (courses available in Curriculog):
   a. 16-17 CIC 36 revisited. ExCom referred this document back to GE for the sake of clarity. The policy was revised to read “Upper division units within the major prefix, or cross-listed with the major prefix, cannot count towards General Education requirements.” (M Soules/S Scharberg/P) to approve revised document.
   b. Clarification of area B6 standards draft document continuing discussion. There was long discussion about the proposed document. There was consensus that the document should be amended to include the language “not for major credit”. Watnik will revise the document and it will get formal consideration next week.
c. Consent calendar. ART 215, PHIL 351, SOC 310 and 320, STAT 100 and 101 were pulled. There was a comment that LIBY 200 lists “ENGL 1000” as prerequisite to be “GE Area A2” instead. This change will occur on tech review. (The same alteration should be made on LIBY 210.) (M Bliss/S Nielsen/P) to approve all other courses. ART 102, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, ENSC 220, ENSC 350, GEOL 120, LIBY 220, PHIL 343, SOC 340, SOC 370.

i. ART 215. The discussion centered on “interrelationship between the self and the creative arts”. While there were historic and contemporary processes in the proposal, there was little about “self”. In other rows, it was noted that the students will design works themselves. A concern was expressed about “just the artistic work” without a reflective paper or similar. There were comparisons to ART 115 which was already approved for C3. This proposal is different. (M Bliss/S Soules/P unanimous) to approve for C3.

ii. PHIL 351. (M Watnik/S Scharberg/P unanimous) to approve Social Justice overlay (the GE was approved previously). This was originally removed because it was not clear that the overlay was altered. It was altered.

iii. SOC 310. There were concerns about the first row of 2a, in particular about the “resilience and agency”.

iv. SOC 320. (M Calvo/S Nielsen/P 10-2-2) to approve for social justice overlay. The main discussion was about the one-sidedness of the course.

v. STAT 101. There was discussion about the online nature of the course. CSU Math Chairs have a policy saying that there must be a proctored final and will not articulate online courses. (M Roessler/S Soules/) to approve as B4. (M Bliss/S Inouye/P 8-3-1) to table. There was a suggestion to flesh out more about the learning outcomes.

vi. STAT 100. (M Roessler/S Nielsen/P) to approve as B4. There was no online component in this proposal.

d. Workgroup.

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned for brief workgroup discussion at 3:52. (M Liberti/S Watnik/P).

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary