Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
April 19, 2017
SF 466
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Luz Calvo, Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Rita Liberti, Sarah Nielsen, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik, Chongqi Wu.
Absent: Caron Inouye, Christian Roessler, Maureen Scharberg.
Guests: Christopher Moreman.

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

1. Approval of Agenda. (M Bliss/S Wu/P).
2. Approval of minutes.
   a. April 12. (M Soules/S Bliss/P with abstention).
3. Reports
   a. Report of the Chair. Glass had no report. Bliss asked about the number of courses “in the hopper”. Scharberg will be asked next week, if not before. Glass noted that, if there are “stragglers”, they’ll be picked up in the Fall.
4. Business (courses available in Curriculog):
   a. Chris Moreman. The Philosophy Chair came to get clarification on some Philosophy courses that had been rerouted to the Department. He is unable to see many of the comments in Philosophy. There were some courses that have not yet gotten to the Subcommittee yet and others that have just gotten to the Subcommittee that have yet to be considered. There was specific discussion about PHIL 313. The Subcommittee had recommended that the Department consider applying for D4. The Department currently has its quarter analog as C4 and feels strongly that it should remain in that category. PHIL 311 and PHIL 324 were also discussed. Both courses seemed to have concerns centered on the overlay, as opposed to the GE application. There were questions about whether the Diversity overlay must include both gender and race issues. Moreman asked to clarify some comments, particularly for 311. For PHIL 332, the Subcommittee (really, working group C) recommended D4, not C4. PHIL 353 has been revised and will be considered next week. PHIL 375 was approved for C4, but was rejected for Social Justice overlay. Subcommittee members mentioned that the course just doesn’t seem to fit the overlay (but might meet the Diversity overlay). This was discussed on March 29. Moreman said that the Department might be willing to change the course description and/or learning outcomes to
give a clearer indication of the intention to cover social justice. 353, 375 will be on next week's agenda.

b. CO Report on policy. This was postponed until next week, since Scharberg was absent.

c. Consent Calendar. (M Nielsen/S Liberti/P to approve). ART 320 (C4), ART 325 (C4, Diversity), ENGL 240 (C2), ES 327 (D4, Sustainability) were approved.

d. Full Committee Discussion.
   i. CHEM 106. (M Bliss/S Liberti/P) to approve for Sustainability.
   ii. ART 225. Glass will contact the Department to find out if there was a mistake, since the Social Justice application was unchanged.
   iii. ECON 200. There was discussion about whether the Social Justice issues will be addressed. Roessler said that these outcomes are standard in the Economics texts on the subject. (M Soules/S Watnik/P 6-0-2) to approve Social Justice overlay.

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:54. There will be time for subgroup meetings. (M Watnik/S Liberti/P).

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary