Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
April 26, 2017
SF 466
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Absent: Lawrence Bliss, Chongqi Wu.
Guests: none.

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

1. Approval of Agenda. (M Nielsen/S Liberti/P). The agenda was modified to adjourn at 3:30, due to many subcommittee members having obligations.
2. Approval of minutes.
   a. April 19. (M Soules/S Bliss/P with abstentions).
3. Reports
   a. Report of the Chair. Glass had no report. She asked about CIC 87, which has passed CIC, but has not seemed to have been considered by ExCom. She also asked about the B6 document.
   b. Report of General Education Director. Inouye reported there may be issues with saving revised PDF documents. She asked us to advocate for clusters. Glass asked if there could be a prerequisite beyond, for example, ELM. (There can.)
4. Business (courses available in Curriculog):
   a. CO report on GE Policy feedback. There was discussion of how the feedback might be sent and whether it should be an “all-campus response”. Such an “all-campus response” would be drafted by the Subcommittee, and then approved (perhaps after editing) by CIC and the Senate. There was a question about “equity”. Scharberg noted that transfer students have to have completed the “golden 4” by the time they are juniors, but native students have no such mandate. There appeared to be consensus to do this as a “google doc” so that everybody can see others’ comments.
   b. Consent courses. (M Nielsen/S Calvo/P) to approve. Glass noted that HIST 101 was considerably software dependent. HIST 101 (C2), HIST 474 (C4), HIST 488 (C4), REC 340 (sustainability).
   c. Full Discussion
      i. PHIL 375 (M Calvo/S Liberti/P unanimous) to approve social justice overlay.
      ii. PHIL 313. There was discussion about the history of the course. Last week, Moreman said it is currently approved for C4. The previous subcommittee consideration (Feb. 8) said that it seemed more social science oriented. Watnik noted that
the proposal has not been revised since the subcommittee rejected it.

iii. PHIL 311 (M Scharberg/S Liberti/P unanimous) to approve sustainability overlay. (The course was approved on Feb. 8 for C4.)

iv. PHIL 324 (M Calvo/S Liberti/P 8-0-1) to reject diversity overlay. There was discussion about race and gender being needed and the consensus was yes. The course description appears to “contradict” the learning outcomes. (M Liberti/S Nielsen/P) to approve for C4.

v. PHIL 332. There was a discussion about the course, but, due to time issues, there was no motion.

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:30, due to time as agreed upon during approval of agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary