Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
May 10, 2017
SF 466
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

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

The Chair (Glass) called the meeting to order at 2:09, due to technical issues.

1. Approval of Agenda. (M Nielsen/S Soules/P).
2. Approval of minutes.
   a. Not addressed due to time.
3. Reports
   a. Report of the Chair. Glass said that she received a message from the CLASS Associate Dean (Chester) that 3 courses “urgently need” GE approval for next Fall. These courses are part of the “EAST” program, which is part of the graduation initiative and for transfer students. Another message from Chester was about the caps for C4/D4. Hallab asked whether GE / Graduation Requirement courses have to put the learning outcomes in the syllabi. (Yes.) Roessler asked by email whether courses that not approved as GE by the end of this quarter will not be allowed to be offered as GE in 18-19 or in the Catalog. The Catalog will be published on July 1. Courses that are not approved before then will not be advertised in the Catalog as GE. However, they can still be offered in 2018-9 as GE if they are approved beforehand and will appear in errata/updates to the Catalog. There was a question about courses were being stalled. Subgroups are supposed to advance courses as either consent or full discussion weekly. It was observed that every subgroup should move things forward weekly and people should all look at their lists.
   b. Report of General Education Director. Scharberg reported on Inouye’s behalf. The system-wide group said that campuses should comment on the EO 1100. They are looking on updating GE in relation to the LEAP outcomes and to student readability. They spent a few hours on “institutional learning outcomes”, which Inouye noted was done at CSUEB a few years ago. Glass noted that students are not the intended audience for EOs and that campuses all have GE statements in their Catalogs.
4. Business (courses available in Curriculog):
   a. CO Request for Feedback. The introductory section seemed clear. There was discussion about the need for unique system-wide
language about the content and so forth. There seemed to be consensus that campuses should handle them on their own. There was a concerted effort to write a response as a group. (M Scharberg/S Watnik/P) to send the draft, along with individual comments to CIC/Senate for approval.
b. Consent. (M Nielsen/S Soules/P unanimous). ES 120, ES 121, ES 308 were removed.
c. Full Committee Review
   i. ES 120. Watnik asked about the statement “Critique Art. 3, which allowed for freedom of religion, except for American Indians and Slaves.” (M Watnik/S Bliss/P) to approve for American Institutions and Social Justice Overlay, provided the clause quoted above is removed from the application.
   ii. ES 121. Watnik was concerned about the statement “Students will debate how states used Jim Crow laws and other statutes to deny rights, as described in the Constitution, to citizens of color.” He said that this was extraneous to the outcome. (M Calvo/S Nielsen/P 6-0-2) to approve as American Institutions.
   iii. ES 308. Enrique Salmon will be invited to a future meeting to discuss the course.
   iv. ES 320. The D4 application would not open for subcommittee members.
   v. HIST 101 was approved on 4/26.
   vi. PHIL 332. Last week’s consideration did not have the current proposal. Glass provided the current proposal. (M Glass/S Nielsen/P unanimous) to approve as C4.
   vii. HIST 471. Scharberg will meet with the Department Chair to find out if this application will be revised. The Department Chair had indicated that some of the courses will be withdrawn.
   viii. GEOG 336 (M Soules/S Hallab/P 6-1-1) to approve as D4.
   There was discussion about “power” as the first outcome.
5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:01, due to time.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary