Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
May 17, 2017
SF 466
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Luz Calvo, Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Caron Inouye, Rita Liberti, Sarah Nielsen, Maureen Scharberg, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik, Chongqi Wu.
Absent: Christian Roessler.
Guests: Dennis Chester, Glen Perry, Enrique Salmon.

The Chair (Glass) called the meeting to order at 2:03.

1. Approval of Agenda. (M Nielsen/S Soules/P).
2. Approval of minutes for May 10. (M Soules/S Nielsen/P). There were abstentions.
3. Reports
   a. Report of the Chair. Glass reported that next week’s meeting would be cancelled so that members could attend the roundtables with CSULA semester people. She will not add to our task lists, except an urgent situation. Other courses may be considered next year.
   b. Report of General Education Director. Inouye spoke about students who met area F under quarters but decide to use the semester Catalog. Watnik suggested that someone in that situation is likely to want to use the quarter Catalog for graduation requirements. Inouye was asked to write a proposal for handling this situation.
4. Business (courses available in Curriculog):
   a. ES 308. (M Calvo/S Nielsen/ ) to approve as B6. Watnik and Glass asked about the “advanced quantitative skills” portion of the application. It was pointed out that, if approved, the course would have to be modified to note that ES majors could not get credit for the course. (M Nielsen/S Calvo/P) to hold the course until next week. This will allow ES to make changes to address some of the concerns expressed.
   b. C4/D4 Course Cap discussion. Associate Dean Chester outlined the concerns expressed in the letter from the CLASS council of chairs. In response to a question, Chester noted that already approved C4/D4 courses could elect to keep the overlay as part of the course. It was noted that C4/D4 courses currently could allow majors in the course, but B6 courses don’t. Chester noted that that would have to be considered. Scharberg noted that there could be a system that would allow major courses as second-tier courses to replace at least part of this writing component. She acknowledged, however, the timing is poor, considering that the Catalog is largely set and all the courses
approved presume the previously written rules, as well as potential contributors, such as Economics, being excluded at this point. There were also notes that this is really a University-wide funding issue, and not just a CLASS issue. It was recommended that this issue be reconsidered next year. (Minutes were then taken over by A. Soules). The GE Subcommittee ultimately decided to defer further discussion until after an implementation plan from the Workload Committee has been received. At that point, there may be a revised draft of the GE revision and, potentially, the developmental policy.

The committee then moved to consider courses.

Consent calendar, M, Rita, S, Sarah. Approved.

Full review:

History 376. There was still confusion about the C4/D4 designation. The latest upload is D4 (May 11, 2017), but the R (for revised) is on the C4 version. In reviewing both versions. The course was put on Hold. Rita will check with Linda Ivey about the correct version. Also, both are weak. The Subcommittee agreed with this decision.

History 364. The committee reviewed the revised version (C4). M, Luz, S, Rita. Approved unanimously.

History 365. The committee reviewed the revised version (D4). M, Sarah, S, Maureen. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary