Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee

May 31, 2017
SF 329
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.
Absent: Chongqi Wu.
Guests: .

The Chair (Glass) called the meeting to order at 2:02.

1. Approval of Agenda. (M Soules/S Liberti/P).
2. Approval of minutes for May 10. (M Soules/S Scharberg/P).
3. Reports
   a. Report of the Chair. Glass reported on the previous day’s meeting of the Academic Senate. Many GE documents passed, but the cross-listing document did not give a waiver of the first reading. Watnik was given the Sue Schaefer Award and, at a previous Senate meeting, Liberti was given the George and Miriam Phillips Award. She said that the Economics Department requested expedited approval of their American Institution (Code) courses. Roessler asked to put it on full review next week. Glass said that will be considered late in the meeting.
   b. Report of General Education Director. Scharberg indicated that she will send the letter approved by the Senate in response to the Chancellor’s Office call. She noted that Inouye extended the Freshmen Learning Community deadline until June 16.
4. Business (courses available in Curriculog):
   a. Consent Calendar. (M Watnik/S Bliss/P) to approve. ES 120 (AI123), GEOG 354 (D4), BIOL 101 (B2), BIOL 102 (B3), PHIL 313 (C4), PHYS 107 (B1), REC 110 (Sustainability), THEA 150, THEA 322, BUS 220, PHIL 338, THEA 233, INTS 101, PHIL 301, PHIL 311, PHIL 312, PHIL 353, THEA 260, GEOL 100, ENSC 250, HIST 384, HIST 387, HIST 388, HIST 472, PHIL 324, PHIL 332, THEA 431, THEA 432, HIST 362, HIST 363, HIST 473, HIST 477, MUS 121, PHIL 211 were approved.
   b. Full Committee Review
      i. HSC 450. (M Nielsen/S Liberti/P) to approve as Social Justice Overlay. 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.

ii. HIST 376 (M Liberti/S Nielsen/ ) to approve as C4. There were comments that the application was sketchy and confusing. At one time, there was a proposal for D4, as well. The updated proposal was sent to Glass, who uploaded it. (M Bliss/S Calvo/P) to reroute to History for better answers to the questions. There were questions whether, if History revises it quickly, could it be taken up next week. (The answer was no.)

iii. HIST 366 (M Nielsen/S Bliss) for C4. The C4 application implies a Sustainability Overlay request may be forthcoming and skepticism was expressed about that. However, that is not part of the request. The form was considered “sloppy”. (M Watnik/S Liberti/P) to reroute.

iv. HIST 351, 361 (M Soules/S Liberti/P) to reroute.

v. HIST 333 (M Nielsen/S Scharberg/P 6-1-2) to approve for C4. One subcommittee member noted that this proposal was less than ideal and, in the member’s opinion, substandard.

vi. ECON 380 (M Hallab/S Liberti/P) to approve for B6, provided that it be noted course restriction “Not for Economics major credit”. (Roessler said that his Department finds this acceptable.)

c. Group reviews. Glass noted that the groups should complete their passes by Monday so that subcommittee members have 48 hours to look over consent and full reviews. The 2 Economics courses will be assigned to subgroups by Glass.

5. From the Floor. Glass asked Subcommittee members about next year’s meetings. The default plan would be second and fourth Mondays, but one member couldn’t make it. So, it was decided second and fourth Wednesdays.

6. Adjournment. (M Bliss/S Watnik/P). The Subcommittee adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary