Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
June 7, 2017
SF 329
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Absent: Lawrence Bliss, Caron Inouye.
Guests: Bridget Ford.

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

1. Approval of Agenda. (M Calvo/S Soules/P).
2. Approval of minutes for May 31. (M Soules/S Nielsen/P). Roessler was changed to “present”.
3. Reports
   a. Report of the Chair. Glass reported that Scharberg submitted the GE response to the Chancellor’s Office. She noted that the room has been reserved for GE meetings next year. Glass was thanked for being chair and Watnik was thanked for being secretary. There was a question about the persistence of the Curriculog records. It was noted that, in the search, the “completed” box could be checked. Scharberg and Watnik both indicated that the applications should persist for a while, probably (though not certainly) until the 5 year review. Glass praised committee members’ work; she felt we did the best we could. There was a question about whether subcommittee members were all returning. Watnik indicated that he would ask the incoming members of CIC to reappoint the members.
   b. Report of General Education Director. Scharberg reiterated the Freshmen Learning Community deadline is June 16. She said that she will continue to review GE courses over the summer and expects there to be quite a few courses waiting in the Fall.
4. Business (courses available in Curriculog):
   a. Consent Calendar. (M Liberti/S Nielsen/P) to approve. HIST 110 (American Institutions 1 and 2), HIST 352 (C4), HIST 371 (C4), HIST 375 (C4), HIST 380 (C4), HIST 382 (D4 and American Institutions 3), HIST 389 (D4), HIST 393 (D4), HIST 391 (D4), EPSY 101 (E), GEOG 330 (D4), KIN 315 (Social Justice; D4 handled below), REC 360 (E), HIST 327 (C4), HIST 331 (C4), HIST 332 (C4), HIST 334 (C4), HIST 335 (C4), HIST 336 (C4), HIST 338 (C4), HIST 343 (C4), HIST 344 (C4), and ENGL 324 (C4) were approved.
   b. Code Classes. Ford thanked the subcommittee members for their hard work. She is working with a group of Political Scientists and Historians through the Chancellor’s Office for four years to try to get the DFW rates in the Code classes down and have been successful to
an extent. They have been working on the assessment, as well. EO 1061 (regarding Code) is a “tall order” and she has been working to get faculty members to rethink how the courses are taught. She expressed concerns about ECON 101, 102 and indicated that the courses need to be improved in light of the system-wide discussion. She said she’s happy to discuss with the Department and Prof. Lampe (who largely designed them) and help them to improve the courses. She said that the GE applications, course descriptions, and the outcomes describe different outcomes. She said that the applications “missed the forest for the trees”; they don’t address the outcome of fostering responsible citizenship. Roessler asked about the specifics. (M Calvo/S Nielsen/NP 3-4-2) to hold the American Institutions courses (not including the ones on consent) on the docket today until the subcommittee can have a fuller discussion of Code. (M Soules/S Roessler/NP 2-5-2) to hold all the American Institutions courses (including the ones on consent and the ones previously approved) until the Fall. Members expressed concern about recalling approved courses. Others expressed a desire to “get it right”. (M Calvo/S Liberti/P 6-1-2) to move ECON 101, 102, HIST 111 to bottom of full consideration.

c. Full Committee Review
   i. HIST 392. (M Watnik/S Soules/P) to reroute.
   ii. GEOG 120 (M Watnik/S Soules/P) to reroute. It was not clear whether the form got appropriately updated.
   iii. HSC 250 (M Watnik/S Calvo) to reroute. Calvo will be the contact person.
   iv. KIN 315 (M Watnik/S Liberti/P) to reroute. The course characteristics box was blank. The answers to 2a were acceptable, according to the group B.
   v. KIN 461 (M Soules/S Scharberg/P 7-0-1) to approve for B6.
   vi. MLL 321 (M Watnik/S Liberti/P) to reroute.
   vii. HOS 297 (M Watnik/S Soules/P) to reroute with regards to area D1-3 application. Criticisms were most pointed at the second outcome of 2a. (M Calvo/S Liberti/P) to reject the diversity application. Calvo suggested that social justice might be plausible, but that it is not for diversity.
   viii. ECON 383 (M Scharberg/S Soules/P) to approve for B6, contingent upon “probability” being substituted for “statistics” throughout.
   ix. ENGR 320 (M Watnik/S Liberti/P 8-0-1) to reject D4. Questions will be referred to Watnik.
   x. HIST 328 (M Watnik/S Liberti/P) to reroute. Comments indicated a lack of specificity to the course.
   xi. PHIL 120 (M Watnik/S Liberti/P) to hold. There was discussion about GE processes. The application appeared to be
a “placeholder”. The suggestion was to use a template and numbers like 120A, 120B, etc. to accommodate clusters.

xii. PHIL 378 (M Calvo/S Scharberg/P 8-0-1) to approve for C4.

xiii. SOC 465 (M Calvo/S Liberti/P) to reject, but consider revision for social justice. Calvo will be the point person.

xiv. HIST 383 (M Liberti/S Watnik/ ) to reroute. (M Nielsen/S Calvo/6-1-2) to approve for C4.

xv. HIST 385 (M Watnik/S Calvo/P) to reroute. The proposal lacked specificity.

xvi. THEA 101 (M Calvo/S Liberti/P) to reroute C3.

xvii. ECON 101, ECON 102, HIST 111 were not addressed due to time.

5. From the Floor. Glass said that a deadline may be set for end of September that are in process (such as reroutes). Going forward, there might be a two-week turnaround expected. The Subcommittee will meet on second and fourth Wednesdays in the Fall.

6. Adjournment. (M Scharberg/S Liberti/P). The Subcommittee adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary