Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
January 10, 2018
SF 329
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Caron Inouye, Derek Kimball, Rita Liberti, Sarah Nielsen, Filippo Rebessi, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik, Chongqi Wu, Meiling Wu

Absent: Larry Bliss, Luz Calvo (on sabbatical).
Guests: none.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Glass called the meeting to order at 2:01. (M Nielsen/S Liberti/P)
2. Approval of the minutes. (M Rebessi/S Kimball/P)
3. Reports.
   a. Chair. Glass hoped that everyone had happy holidays. She is waiting for Barrett to be
      appointed as a temporary replacement for Calvo. Glass said that they are still waiting for
      ExCom to determine whether the subcommittee (or a subset) should meet on the B4
      outcomes. ExCom is looking to see if funding is available.
   b. GE Director. Inouye spoke regarding the “long term assessment plan” and her meeting
      with CAPR Chair Jason Smith on GE assessment. She would like assessment separated
      from curricular approvals. Glass feels that CAPR should be responsible for the
      assessment, but not ownership of certification. Inouye argued likewise, particularly that
      certification should have to do with attempts to meet outcomes and the assessment is not
      granular at the course level (rather, samples of work may be a taken from a course).
      There was a discussion about recertification. Inouye asked the subcommittee to consider
      documenting how that process will work.
   c. Semester Conversion. Nobody was present.
   d. Working Group. (See report of chair above.)
4. Old Business. (Approvals are unanimous unless stated otherwise.)
   a. GEOG 445. This course is cross-listed as ENVT 445. There was discussion as to
      whether this should be dealt with until the policy is changed. (M Soules/S Watnik/P)
      to table until referral is received, notifying the department of the status.
5. New Business. (Approvals are unanimous unless stated otherwise.)
   a. HDEV 380. (M Kimball/S M Wu/P 10-1). There were some comments about
      vagueness in addressing the learning outcomes.
   b. HIST 111. (M Glass/S Soules/P) to table, pending discussion about larger code issues.
   c. HIST 277. (M Watnik/S Liberti/P) to approve as C2. Watnik noted that nursing will
      request one of the C2 classes count as C3 for its students. That will dealt with when the
      HSC course comes forward.
   d. HIST 337. (M Kimball/S C Wu/see below) to refer back to department. (M M Wu/S
      Glass/P) to approve as C4. There was confusion about which was the proper form. A
      member argued that the application was vague. Others argued that it was acceptable.
   e. HIST 351. (M Watnik/S Rebessi/see below). There was considerable discussion about
      the quality of the application, particularly the first row. Most felt that the last 2 rows
      were okay. (M M Wu/S Kimball/P) to table, with Liberti as the contact.
f. **HIST 361.** The first row was also criticized with one person remarking the answer seems to be “it is a history class”. (M Nielsen/S Kimball/P) to table, with Liberti as the contact regarding first and third rows.

g. **HIST 366.** (M M Wu/S Hallab/P 10-0-1) to approve as C4. There was a more positive reaction to this one, but some members expressed concerns.

h. **HIST 373.** (M Kimball/S Liberti/P) to table, with Liberti as contact regarding particularly first and secondarily third rows.

i. **HIST 376.** (M Kimball/S M Wu/see below) to approve as C4. (M M Wu/S Watnik/P) to table, with Liberti as contact about first row.

j. **HIST 378.** (M Kimball/S Liberti/P) to approve as C4.

k. **HIST 385.** (M Kimball/S Liberti/see below) to approve as C4. (M Watnik/S Rebessi/P) to table, with Liberti as contact about first row.

l. **HIST 471.** (M Watnik/S Nielsen/P) to table. There was consensus that all rows needed improvement.

m. **MLL 321** (M Nielsen/S M Wu/P) to approve as C4.

n. **MLL 326** (M Nielsen/S M Wu/P) to approve as C4.

o. **PHYS 105** (M Kimball/S M Wu/P) to approve as B1.

p. **PHYS 107** (M Hallab/S M Wu/P) to approve as Sustainability Overlay.

q. **PHYS 108** (M Kimball/S M Wu/P 7-3-1) to approve as Diversity Overlay. There was discussion about whether the focus was sufficient enough on US cultural groups, with the point that some courses have been rejected because of global focus. There was a side discussion about whether “diversity” should accept global and many members felt that this should be revisited. (M Soules/S M Wu/withdrawn) to consider at a future date whether the Diversity Overlay should include global diversity. Glass noted that it is unlikely that this charge will be taken up this year. Watnik will work with Soules and M Wu to try to draft up a document for the Subcommittee.

r. **PHYS 304** (M Soules/S Rebessi/P) to approve as B6, with B4 added as a prerequisite. The subcommittee recommends MATH 115 as a specific prerequisite.

s. **PHYS 307** (M Kimball/S Inouye/P) to approve Sustainability Overlay.

t. **PHYS 135** (M Kimball/S Soules/P) to approve B1/B3.

u. **THEA 101** (M M Wu/S Nielsen/P) to approve Social Justice Overlay. (The C3 application has not been revised.)

v. **THEA 233** (M M Wu/S Hallab/P) to approve Diversity Overlay.

w. **THEA 265** (M Liberti/S M Wu/P) to approve as C3.

x. **THEA 344** (M M Wu/S Kimball) to approve Diversity Overlay.

6. **Adjournment.** (M Nielsen/S C Wu/P) The body adjourned at 3:50 PM.