Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee  
October 11, 2017  
SF 329  
2:00 pm - 3:50 pm

Present: Larry Bliss, Luz Calvo, Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Caron Inouye, Rita Liberti, Sarah Nielsen, Filippo Rebessi, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik (via zoom), Chongqi Wu, Meiling Wu

Absent: none.

Guests: Glen Perry

1. **Introductions.** Members introduced themselves.

2. **Election of Chair and Secretary.** Glass was elected subcommittee chair. Watnik was elected subcommittee secretary.

3. **Reports**
   a. **GE Director.** Inouye noted that cluster approvals are now in the pipeline.
   b. **Semester Conversion.** Perry said that the PeopleSoft consultants are working on the implementation of the Executive Order 1100 (revised) and EO 1110. Most specifically, the programming issue involves the mandated double-counting of GE. Perry noted that ENGL 100 was listed as approved as A2. Nielsen indicated that that was in error. There was discussion about how the executive orders relate to specific programs and whether courses might request retraction of GE approval and/or programs may be modified.

4. **Business / Discussion**
   a. **Recap of courses awaiting review** Glass referred to the spreadsheet provided by the Senate Office. There are 36 courses ready for GE review and 21 that in routing. Glass additionally noted that Political Science hasn’t submitted its Code courses. Glass recommended prioritizing the 57 courses already in the pipeline, along with courses in areas that don’t have enough offerings. Watnik added that area E and A2/B4 changes (co-requisites) might be added to the priorities. The consensus was initially to review about 10 courses at each meeting.
   b. **Executive Orders 1100 (revised) and 1110.** The subcommittee will also consider the new area E and how to handle courses already approved. Watnik then turned to A2 and B4 and noted that EPT and ELM have been eliminated. There will be “multiple measures” for placement recommendations, including high school classes taken and SAT or ACT scores. The course characteristics (especially the prerequisites involving EPT and ELM) must be changed. There were questions about 4 unit GE courses. They are okay, as long as there are 3 unit classes offered in every area available to students. Watnik indicated that C3 is fine under the new framework, but Glass suggested that that be an agenda item for the next meeting so that the subcommittee can send a document stating that explicitly. Glass asked Wu to ask CIC to come up with a document stating that the one course double-count with GE part of the “framework” document has been nullified by EO 1100 (revised). There was consensus to ask the Senate Office to reserve rooms for weekly meetings beginning in two weeks. Hence, the subcommittee will request additional funding. Calvo recommended that the subcommittee send a document “expressing displeasure” at the EOs. She will draft the document for consideration at the
next meeting. Glass highlighted the message she sent to subcommittee members before the meeting from the faculty members in the quantitative reasoning task force.

c. **Curricular needs/Setting priorities** Wu noted that MLL has courses that applied for C1, C2, C3, but were sent back by the Dean or the Director of General Education. Glass said that the priority should include courses that were submitted on time, as well. Glass asked for specific area priorities. Watnik noted that counting the number of courses might be misleading, as ENGL 1002 is currently the only A2 course offered. He felt that maybe A3 and C3 might be short (looking afterwards, he would have added B2). Glass charged Watnik and Inouye to look over the lists and recommend the priorities.

5. **Old Business**
   a. **Code ECON 101 and ECON 102.** There was discussion about having History and Economics meet again. After discussion, the consensus was that representatives from both departments would be invited to a future meeting and each department would be given an allotted time to speak (probably 10 minutes). Written statements might also be provided. Glass felt that a vote should not be taken immediately afterward. Some members recommended a time-certain of 3:30 so that the subcommittee can be certain to address courses and not go too long with this discussion.

6. **From the floor.** Liberti was lauded for her winning the Phillips Award and her speech was praised.

7. **Adjournment.** (M Watnik/S Soules/P). The body adjourned at 3:30 PM.