Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee  
November 29, 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, Mitchell Watnik, Chongqi Wu, Meiling Wu

Absent: Aline Soules.
Guests: none.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Glass called the meeting to order at 2:01. (M Calvo/S Kimball/P) Glass requested that ES and ASCSU/Math Council Resolution be added.

2. Approval of the minutes. (M Bliss/S Kimball/P) Watnik thanked Inouye for substituting for him.

3. Reports.
   a. Chair. There is a social justice overlay learning community in the Office of Faculty Development. Glass said that the FLC wants someone from GE to discuss the development of the Social Justice Overlay. There were various recollections. Glass will search the minutes and then use those to try to “twist some arms”.
   b. GE Director. Inouye sent out the “long term GE assessment plan” and is seeking feedback. She says that there is a goal of aligning with ILO assessment. GE assessment is a “huge task” and previous documents assert that GE assessment is managed by the subcommittee. The assessment will be aligned with GE recertification, as well. (M Kimball/S Nielsen/P) to ask Glass and Inouye speak with Senate leadership about who would do the work and how this would proceed through the Senate.
   c. Semester Conversion. Nobody was present.
   d. Working Group. Glass sent a note asking for compensation for 20 hours for the leadership group. Karplus recommended not to do extra work until and unless compensation is authorized. The group had charges to recommend. Glass felt that these should be reviewed and authorized by ExCom. Watnik argued that it was within the subcommittee’s charge, but, if necessary, it could be sent to the Committee. (M Bliss/S M Wu/P) to request ExCom charge the subcommittee to address the aspects of EO 1100 and EO 1110.

4. Old Business. (Approvals are unanimous unless stated otherwise.)
   a. Updates on Courses. No revisions to COMM 266 or DANC 233/4 were received.
   b. ECON 101/102. (M Calvo/S Rebessi/P) to ask Economics to revise the document. There was discussion about recommending the department consult with History. Other comments recommended consultation with Ethnic Studies, Political Science, and History. There seemed to be consensus that all 3 for both expertise and lack of animosity.

5. New Business.
   a. Proposed modification to 16-17 CIC 62. The working group indicated that courses should be general and GE/CIC could mandate that. However, if a major wants to allow a “general science” course to count towards the major, it doesn’t seem to be in the purview of GE to not allow that. (M Glass/S Calvo/P) to table this until a charge is received.
b. **ES 120/121.** (M M Wu/S Bliss/see below) to request that Ethnic Studies identify 2 areas for each class instead of all 3. Watnik noted that these courses were passed in good faith. Bliss asked whether the Executive Order mandates 2 courses. Watnik said no. (M Liberti/S Bliss/P) to get a list of courses that satisfy all three institutions areas.

c. **ASCSU/Math Council Resolution.** (M Kimball/S Liberti/P) to endorse the resolutions and send to CIC for eventual Senate consideration.

d. **Courses.**

i. **ENVT 307 for B6.** (M Kimball/S Nielsen/see below). Inouye raised concerns about quantitative content. Glass asked Watnik to ask and then inform the subcommittee what happens if a course is approved after Feb. 15. (M Glass/S Bliss/P) to return to department with Kimball as the liaison.

ii. **ES 308.** Kimball endorsed the sustainability overlay, but questioned the science content, emphasizing the third B6 learning outcome. He felt it is more sociological than scientific. Glass echoed Kimball. Inouye argued that there is an ecological aspect that she appreciated while helping the department develop the proposal. (M Bliss/S Calvo/P) to table the course, pending a discussion between Inouye (and possibly Kimball) and the Department regarding the last two outcomes. Regarding the sustainability application, Hallab questioned whether all the dimensions (social, economics, etc.) are covered. In particular, he sought the economic dimension to be explicitly addressed in the first outcome.

iii. **ES 320.** Committee members could not view the D4 document.

iv. **ES 322.** (M Calvo/S Liberti/P) to approve the diversity overlay. The Department still needs to update C4.

v. **GEOG 120.** (M M Wu/S Rebessi/see below). The proposal was not updated since the last discussion in Spring. (M Watnik/S Bliss/P) to postpone until the Department updates the application.

vi. **GEOG 340 (M Calvo/S Rebessi/P) for Sustainability Overlay.** Hallab had questions about the first two outcomes. However, there was discussion that addressed the concerns. B6 was postponed until the cross-listing/not for majors is settled.

vii. **GEOG 447 (M Calvo/S Hallab/P) for Sustainability Overlay.** B6 application will be held.

viii. **GEOL 101 (M Nielsen/S Liberti/P) for Sustainability Overlay.**

ix. **GEOL 120 (M Kimball/S Nielsen/P) for Sustainability Overlay.**

x. **GEOL 210 (M Bliss/S Rebessi/NP 0-9-1) for Sustainability Overlay.** Concerns were expressed about various learning outcomes. Calvo encapsulated these by saying the course is about rocks and minerals. Glass pointed out that the application never mentions “sustainability”. Kimball reiterated Calvo’s point.

xi. **GEOL 310 (M Calvo/S M Wu/P) to reject the sustainability application.** Identical criticisms to GEOL 210 (above) were brought forward.

xii. **GEOL 325 (M Hallab/S M Wu/P) to approve for B6.**

xiii. **GEOL 360 (M Calvo/S Liberti/P) to reject the sustainability application.** Similar criticisms as GEOL 210 were brought forward.

6. **Adjournment.** Glass congratulated Calvo on her upcoming sabbatical and lauded her work on the subcommittee. (M Kimball/S Hallab/P) to adjourn. The body adjourned at 4:00 PM.