Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
March 14, 2018
SF 329
12:00 pm – 3:50 pm

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

Absent: .

Guests: Iliana Holbrook.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Glass called the meeting to order at 12:02. (M Kimball/S Rebessi/P)
2. Approval of the minutes. (M Rebessi/S Soules/P).
3. Reports.
   a. Chair. Glass suggested that there be a break for subgroups to discuss before all.
   b. GE Director. Watnik spoke about an issue about area C3. Inouye noted that we should be more careful to ensure that the course descriptions and learning outcomes match what is said in the application.
   c. Semester Conversion. Nobody was present.
4. New Business. (Approvals are unanimous unless stated otherwise.)
   a. ANTH 130 for D1-3. (M Inouye/S Kimball/P)
   b. ANTH 331 for D4. The wrong form was uploaded. This course was tabled.
   c. COMM 255 for D1-3 (M Nielsen/S Liberti/P).
   d. HIST 111 for US-1 and US-3 (M Bliss/S M Wu/P)
   e. HSC 130 for C2 (M Nielsen/S Rebessi/P 7-3-3). Nielsen noted that there was some consultation with English. There were concerns expressed about whether the course could be delivered as promised. Watnik asked that GE allow HIST 277 and HSC 130 takers to count one as C3. The Subcommittee rejected.
   f. POSC 101 (M Rebessi/S Kimball/P) for D1-3 (M M Wu/S Liberti/P) for US-1 and US-2.
   g. POSC 102 (M M Wu/S Bliss/P) for D1-3 (M M Wu/S Bliss/P) for US-1 and US-3.
   h. WOST 403 for Social Justice. (M Barrett/S Liberti/P).
   i. ECON 101 (M Soules/S Kimball/P) for D1-3. (M Watnik/S C Wu/P 12-0-1) for US-1. Glass showed an email from Bridget Ford that commended Rebessi’s consultative efforts. (M Soules/S C Wu/P 7-4-2) for US-2. Concerns were expressed about the Constitution being viewed through “too narrow of a lens”.
   j. ECON 102. Rebessi indicated that we shouldn’t consider the course today. No revision was provided.
   k. Subgroup meetings. The subcommittee broke to discuss which courses should be recommended approval or need more discussion.
ii. Subgroup “C” recommended approval of (M Barrett/S Soules/P). DANC 331 for C4 and Diversity, MLL 162 for C1, MLL 163 for C3, MLL 221 for C3, MLL 231 for C3, MLL 241 for C3, MLL 261 for C3, MLL 142 for C1, MUS 111, PHIL 110 for C1.


iv. MLL 261 was announced as approved by Inouye, M Wu, and C Wu.

v. MLL 122 be tabled for revision with M Wu as consultant (M Liberti/S Watnik/P).

vi. MLL 345 (M Liberti/S Watnik/P) to table with M Wu as consultant.

vii. MLL 351 (M Kimball/S Glass/see below) to reject for D4. Kimball argued that the course did not seem to fit social science outcomes. Liberti argued that current events might justify social science outcomes. (M M Wu/S Glass/P) to table with M Wu as consultant. Barrett recommended that MLL consult with Communication. (M Watnik/S Barrett/P) to reject for Diversity overlay.

viii. MLL 441 for C4 (M Barrett/S M Wu/see below). (M Inouye/S Bliss/P) to table to provide more details in the learning outcomes.

ix. MLL 442 for C4 (M Barrett/S M Wu/P).

x. MLL 443 for C4 (M Barrett/S Liberti/P). Concerns had been raised about 300-level prerequisites, but the point was to ensure a level of fluency.

xi. MLL 444 to table (M Nielsen/S Bliss/P). The application was incomplete.

xii. MLL 445 to table (M Barrett/S M Wu/P). The application was vague.

xiii. MLL 446 for C4 (M Kimball/S Barrett/P).

xiv. MLL 447 for C4 (M Barrett/S Liberti/P). Barrett recommended that the department apply for Social Justice overlay.

xv. MLL 246 to reject (M Barrett/S Liberti/see below). (M M Wu/S Hallab) to table.

xvi. MLL 352 (M Glass/S Barrett/P) for C4. The diversity application was withdrawn.

xvii. MLL 358 to approve for D4 (M Glass/S Barrett/P 12-0-1) for D4 with understanding that paragraph with course characteristics will be sent. (M Liberti/S Barrett/P 12-1).


xix. MLL 362. Diversity application withdrawn. MLL 362 (M Barrett/S M Wu/P) to table. Application did not describe essay lengths or feedback.

xx. MLL 366 (M Barrett/S Liberti/see below). (M M Wu/S Barrett/P) to table to better address the final SLO and add in course characteristics.


xxiii. MLL 462 (M Soules/S Hallab/see below) for Diversity. Barrett noted that the course description and C4 application emphasize China, which forms a disconnection to the application. (M M Wu/S Bliss/P) to table. Concerns were expressed about the international. (M M Wu/S Hallab/see below) to table for C4. The concern was that, if we approved C4 as it stood, Diversity would be impossible. (M M Wu/S Kimball/P) to approve C4.

xxiv. PSYC 100. Fenscik will be invited to the next meeting. Most General Psychology courses are D1-3 and other CSUs said that they will not articulate our course with theirs if ours is B2. Watnik and Inouye expressed concerns about the disconnect between the course description / learning outcomes and the GE application.

xxv. ENGR 4000/400A. There were significant concerns about the viability of this course as D4. Some felt it might be better framed as C4; some felt B6. Some said it is not GE at all. Castronovo will be invited to the next meeting.

5. Adjournment. (M Liberti/S Nielsen/P). The subcommittee adjourned at 3:52 PM.