Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
April 18, 2018
SF 329
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Eileen Barrett, Larry Bliss, Patrick Fleming, Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Caron Inouye, Sarah Nielsen, Filippo Rebessi, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik, Chongqi Wu, Meiling Wu.

Absent: Rita Liberti.
Guests: Monique Manopolous, Jean Moran, Marcelo Paz.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Glass called the meeting to order at 2:03. (M Soules/S Rebessi/P) to approve.

2. Approval of the minutes. Inouye was thanked for filling in as a secretary. (M Soules/S Fleming/P) to approve.

3. Reports.
   a. Chair. Glass showed the letter she sent to APS asking them to contact B6 departments about the “not for major credit” statement. She was asked about C4, but that is an item later.
   b. GE Director. Inouye reported that the D4 application for ENGR 400A/4000 was uploaded and forwarded.
   c. Semester Conversion. Nobody was present.

4. New Business. (Approvals are unanimous unless stated otherwise.)
   a. C3 issues. Watnik told about the discussion at the Chancellor’s Office and the interaction between the CO and APS regarding C3. (M Watnik/S Nielsen/P) to approve the GE designations as requested from the departments in C3 to their requested areas, provided that the C1 or C2 designation courses are not one unit repeatable activities.
   b. GE Forms.
      i. B4 form. Inouye provided an updated draft of the form to the subcommittee. Some suggestions were added. (M Watnik/S Bliss/P) to approve the amended form. Inouye was thanked for her efforts. There was a discussion about whether freshmen GE courses (not just B4) should not be approved if they are online. This will be discussed further at a later GE meeting to consider recommending a policy.
      ii. C4 form. Inouye amended the form to include the new prerequisites. She added a line with format (online, on-ground, hybrid). The course characteristics space made it more clear that some comments were needed.
   c. GEOL/ENSC course approvals. Prof. Moran came to discuss the overlay proposals from her department.
      i. (M M Wu/S Bliss/P) to approve ENSC/GEOL 340 for Sustainability Overlay.
      ii. (M M Wu/S Bliss/P) to approve ENSC/GEOL 340 for Sustainability Overlay.
iii. (M Bliss/S M Wu/P) to table ENSC 235 until the next meeting. The revised form was obtained late this morning and distributed just before the meeting.

iv. Moran asked that GEOL 210 be reconsidered for sustainability overlay. She indicated that the course is a combination of two quarter courses. While the course may seem to be about “rocks”, there are issues of rare earth metals and the like which she noted involve dependence on limited resources and therefore conservation, as well as waste generation and remediation. (M Glass/S M Wu/P 11-1) to reconsider the course after consultation with Inouye.

d. MLL courses
   i. MLL 122 (M Soules/S Nielsen/P) for C1.
   ii. MLL 324 (M Barrett/S Nielsen/P) for C4. Barrett asked to ensure that the course (and 325 below) is in English. M Wu confirmed that it was.
   iii. MLL 325 (M Barrett/S Nielsen/P) for C4. Manopolous was thanked for her attendance.
   iv. MLL 345 and MLL 351 (M Rebessi/S Hallab/P) for D4. Paz was thanked for his attendance.
   v. MLL 246 (M Bliss/S CQ Wu/P) to table with Hallab to consult. The “D” subgroup had criticisms about the learning outcomes. The comments indicated it was “a language course” (as opposed to a social science course). The application might be withdrawn.

e. BIOL 100 B3 and ANTH 310 B6 be approved (M Watnik/M M Wu/P).

f. ANTH 110 (M Inouye/S Fleming/P) to table with Inouye to consult.

g. DANC 233 and 234 for Diversity (M Soules/S Barrett/P). The courses were approved previously for GE.

h. ANTH 333 (M Barrett/S Rebessi/P) for Social Justice. Barrett was thanked for the successful consultation.

i. ANTH 100 for D4 (M Rebessi/S CQ Wu/P) for D1-D3.

j. GS 321-2 to table with Inouye to consult. (M CQ Wu/S Rebessi/P).

5. Adjournment. (M Watnik/S Bliss/P). The subcommittee will meet again on 4/25. The subcommittee adjourned at 3:45 PM.