Minutes of the General Education, Overlay, and Code Subcommittee
February 27, 2019
SF 328
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Eileen Barrett, Larry Bliss, Patrick Fleming, Julie Glass, Caron Inouye, Steve Peng, Sharon Radcliff, Mitchell Watnik, Meiling Wu, Vanessa Yingling.

Absent: Ryan Lampe, Linda Smetana (just appointed yesterday).
Guests: Lynn Van Hofwegen, Claire Valderama Wallis.

Glass called the meeting to order at 2:04.

1. Approval of the Agenda. (M Fleming/S Inouye/P). (M Wu/S Inouye/P) to add MLL 252 and 262 to the agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes. The agenda did not have the minutes attached.

The nursing courses (4a and 4b) were considered first, as a courtesy to the guests present.

3. Reports.
   a. Chair. Glass noted that there were concerns about particular sustainable courses and the process of approval. A member of ExCom claimed that the request form “violates academic freedom.” She noted that the courses do have to provide samples of their work for assessment purposes and that the applications were viewed as examples, not as prescriptive. The subcommittee was amenable to modifying the forms and this will be reported at ExCom.
   b. GE Director. Inouye reported about the CSU GE Task Force. She served on that group. She referred to it as proposing “dramatic change.” There will be discussions about it maybe for a year. She said that there needs to be “more intentionality” in general education. Glass said that the ASCSU’s first reading of the report will occur in the fall. In the meantime, according to Inouye, the ASCSU will provide a platform for electronic responses. Glass had suggested that GEOC be charged with drafting a campus response, but ExCom didn’t have time to address that suggestion. Some members recommended that Inouye be invited to ExCom instead. If ExCom were to refer the report to the subcommittee, there will be calls to the campus for participation.

4. Business and Discussion. (Approvals are unanimous unless stated otherwise.)
   a. NURS 317, 327, 417, 427. (M Wu/S Inouye/P) to approve satisfaction of the diversity overlay “upon completion of all 4 courses- NURS 317, 327, 417, 427 in the sequence”. Valderama and Van Hofwegen explained that the diversity aspects of their sequence of courses. Barrett asked about whether students can satisfy the requirement with 1 unit. (No.) She also asked about the US focus, which the guests addressed as predominantly US. Bliss asked about what happens if a student misses a semester. The guests said that they would pick back up upon their return, that these courses are all required for the major. Members praised the ingenuity of the sequence and community involvement. Glass and Barrett asked about which cultural groups. There was discussion about whether there should be partial credit, 1 unit at a time, but that was removed by consensus.
b. NURS 450, 451. (M Wu/S Inouye/P) to approve satisfaction of the social justice overlay “upon completion of both NURS 450 and 451.” There was an abstention.

c. SOC 325 (M Wu/S Bliss/P) for D4.

d. MLL 222, 232, 252, 262 (M Inouye/S Bliss/P) to approve for D1-3. Wu was asked about the research component. Wu and Inouye talked about how the proposal has changed and highlighted the “mock census” and how more translations were changing the dynamics of the task. There was an abstention.

e. LIBY 310. (M Inouye/S Wu/P) to approve sustainability overlay. There was considerable discussion about most especially the D4 proposal. The course was praised for using information literacy for “something real” and members lauded having the overlay proposal in this context. Radcliff noted the importance of discussing misinformation. There were concerns about the “social science aspect” of the course.

(M Inouye/S Bliss/P) to table the D4 application.

5. Discussion.

6. Adjournment. (M Barrett/S Yingling/P). The subcommittee adjourned at 3:46 PM.