GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
217th Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 2014

MINUTES
Approved

Present: A. Birberick (Ex-officio, Vice Provost), D. Chakraborty (LAS/PHYS), B. Coller (EET/MEE), D. Gorman (LAS/ENGL), E. Klonoski (VPA/MUSC), J. Kot (LAS/FL--/UCC), L. Lundstrum (BUS/FINA), B. Montgomery (HHS/FCNS), C. Parker (Ex-Officio, Director, Office of Assessment Services), D. Smith (Catalog Editor), B. Stone (Student/LAS), C. Thompson (LAS/PHYS/UCC), K. Thu (LAS/ANTH), C. Vander Schee (EDU/LEPF/UCC)

The meeting was called to order by GEC chair Gorman.

I. Adoption of Agenda
Gorman asked if the Catalog Language could be moved to the beginning of the agenda, as well as the PLUS Enrichment Course Development Plan. Kot made a motion, seconded by Montgomery, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Announcements
A. Minutes from October 16, 2014, were approved electronically.

B. Gorman reported on three things he anticipates for the GEC to focus on for spring. 1) Course rollover; 2) Pathway proposals and recommendations for funding, 3) GEC’s role in the new PLUS environment. Thu said that the discussion of changing the bylaws should occur in parallel with the implementation of PLUS. Birberick said that the GEC does have the authority under its current bylaws to make recommendations to improve general education curricula. Klonoski reported that the UCC has accepted the minutes from the previous GEC meeting wherein the GEC approved in broad concept the PLUS changes. So the GEC can proceed.

III. Old Business
A. Disposition of remaining action items. These items are still on hold.
   1. HIST 381 and HIST 382 (They needed to submit assessment data by spring, 2013.)
   2. Alternatives to MATH 101 (They were supposed to submit by June, 2015, nothing received to date.)
   3. ISYE 335. Coller was to follow-up with department to assist with revising the resubmission.
   4. There are other courses for which the GEC is still needing data (ANTH 210, ANTH 220, ANTH 230, ECON 160, ECON 260, ECON 261, POLS 150, POLS 220, POLS 260, SOCI 170, SOCI 250, SOCI 260, SOCI 270)
B. 2014-15 Resubmissions (Humanities and Arts). This is still on hold.
C. PLUS.
1. Catalog Language. Committee members received an updated document, including existing catalog language struck-out and new language for the PLUS changes highlighted. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Thu, TO APPROVE THE GENERAL EDUCATION CATALOG CHANGES. It was noted that most of the new language has been adapted from the PLUS recommendations, which the GEC has already approved. The GEC went through the document and discussed each section, making suggestions for revisions and improvements. **Motion passed unanimously as amended.**

2. Forms for Rollover. Due to time constraints, this was not discussed.

3. PLUS Enrichment Courses Development Plan. There was a brief discussion, with the main concern being the make-up of the committee to review Pathways. Birberick noted that this document is a draft, but that since funding from the vice provost is involved, there needs to be a representative from that office on the committee.

   a) Pathway Coordinator Job Description and Application. This was briefly discussed. Birberick explained the funding source. Committee members discussed how they might evaluate applications. It was suggested that there should be a way to get students feedback and Stone provided some suggestions.

   b) Solicitations for Pathways Coordinators (announcements, advertising, etc.)

IV. **New Business.**

   A. Course revisions from the CUC. Due to time constraints, this was not discussed.

   B. New course submission, WGST 201. Due to time constraints, this was not discussed.

V. **Adjournment**

   A motion was made and seconded TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 3:20 p.m.

   The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Smith, Catalog Editor/Curriculum Coordinator