General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: 12/09/13, 2:30pm – 4:06pm

Members Present: Pat Cantor (chair), Jeremiah Duncan, Sandra Gamble, David Zehr, Jason Swift, Jim Stiles, Kristine Levan, Jason Cordeira (faculty, non-voting), Alex Herbst (student member, voting), Mary Campbell (non-voting)

Members Absent: Jirasak Theplama (student member)


Approval of Minutes:
October 28th approved as amended; November 25th approved as amended.

Actions of the Curriculum Committee:
Review of Curriculum Committee actions of November 15th. General Education status was continued to AH 2700, NR 3071, NR 4021 and SO 3390.

Preapprovals (Sunset Renewals and Initial Proposals):
- DN3050 Work Dance, GACO (6 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)
- TH2230 American Musical Theatre, WRCO & DICO (1 in favor, 7 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
- TH3930 American Drama, WRCO & DICO (0 in favor, 8 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
- PO1045 Politics and Art, CTDI (6 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
- CN1010 Fundamentals of Chinese I, GACO (6 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
- FR1120 Continuing French II, DICO & GACO (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)
- GR1010 Fundamentals of German I, GACO (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
- GR1020 Fundamentals of German II, GACO (7 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
- GR2040 Intermediate German II, GACO (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)
- LA1040 Fundamentals of Latin II, GACO (0 in favor, 6 opposed, 0 abstaining, 3 absent/not voting)
- SP1010 Fundamentals of Spanish I, DICO & GACO (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)

Submitted by Jason Swift
• SP1020 Fundamentals of Spanish II, DICO & GACO (3 in favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstaining, 3 absent/not voting)
• SP1060 Conversational Spanish I, DICO & GACO (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 3 absent/not voting)
• SW3460 Human Diversity and the Social Environment, DICO (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 3 absent/not voting)
• SW3500 Health and Society, WECO & GACO (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)
• SW4550 Social Work Seminar, WRCO (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
• BIDI2010 Human Biology I, SIDI & WECO (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)
• BIDI2020 Human Biology II, SIDI & WECO (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
• AR3570 Art of Sustainability, INCO (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)
• ENDI2000 Exploring Grammar, SIDI (3 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
• HI2010 World History Since 1500, GACO (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
• HI3820 Topics in World History, GACO (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)
• HI3826 Sex and Empire in Colonial India, GACO (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)
• MA1500 Math and Humanities, QRCO (7 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
• MA2490 Applied Calculus I, QRCO (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)
• MA3010 Math in Our World II, QRCO (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)
• MA4020 Cultural and Psychological Aspects of Math Learning, INCO & DICO (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)
• GEDI1300 Spatial Organization of Everyday Life, SSDI (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
• PS3140 Statistics in Psychology, QRCO (7 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
• BI1110 Biological Sciences I, TECO (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)
• BIDI2050 Plants and Civilization, SSDI (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 2 absent/not voting)

New Business (Sunset Renewals and Initial Proposals):
• TH2230 American Musical Theatre, DICO (7 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)

Submitted by Jason Swift
• TH2230 American Musical Theatre, WRCO (6 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
• TH3930 American Drama, DICO (6 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
• TH3930 American Drama, WRCO (5 in favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
• ENDI2000 Exploring Grammar, SIDI (3 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
• LA1040 Fundamentals of Latin II, GACO (renewal deadline extended to 2016)
• SP1020 Fundamental of Spanish II, GACO (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)
• SP1020 Fundamental of Spanish II, DICO (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent/not voting)

Key points from Discussion about proposals reviewed at the meeting:
• TH2230 American Musical Theatre DICO, WRCO & Th3930 American Drama DICO, WRCO – Paul Mrozcka discussed the course content, its topic and assignments. The committee, Paul Mrozcka and Jonathan Santore discussed the course content, assignments, where the course meets the DICO and WRCO requirements. The committee voted by paper ballot after Paul and Jonathan leave.

• ENDI2000 Exploring Grammar SIDI – Change of credits from 4 to 3. Elliott Gruner is present to represent proposal. The committee discussed the reasons for the change in the credits based upon eliminating the lab. Further discussion addressed the materials used in the course, the lab experiments conducted and the areas where the course meets the SIDI requirements. The committee voted by paper ballot after Elliott leaves.

• LA1040 Fundamentals of Latin II GACO – Katherine Harrington is present to represent the sunset renewal. The committee discussed the course with Katherine. The discussion focused on the syllabus and where the course met the GACO requirements and the course has not taught in a while. Examples of the GACO requirements were given. An extension for the sunset renewal of the courses requested and approved. Latin I and Latin II will be extended until 2016.

• SP1020 Fundamentals of Spanish II DICO and GACO – Eric Cintron’ is present to represent the renewal. Eric discussed the syllabus, course content, course text and projects with the committee. Discussion also addressed the course gen ed evaluations and proposed ways to make it more apparent to students the course is a gen ed course. Eric left and the committee voted by ballot.

Discussion Items:
• Student Replacement for Alex Herbst
  ▪ Alex states his last day as a voting student member and introduces Heather Janssen his replacement for Spring 2014.

Submitted by Jason Swift
• Discussion of sunset renewal process
  ▪ The committee briefly discussed the sunset renewal process, the use of Moodle, how to approach and handle the work load of incoming proposals, file formats to submit renewals, instructions and inclusion of evaluation data.
• Discussion of ENDI2000 tie vote and how the tie will be addressed.
  ▪ Guidance from Faculty Speaker will be sought out.
• 4:06pm meeting adjourned.

Next meeting:
• January 21, 2014; 12:00pm – 3:00pm