

General Education Council

2015-2016 Academic Year

Agenda for the meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, in ELL 106 at 3:30 P.M.

Members in attendance included: S. Bergsten, A. Predecki, C. Sipes, D. Girard, D. Kalist, D. Birsch, M. Knight, J. Hamblin, L. Bryant, M. Pineda-Volk, M. Lucia, K. Shirk, C. Bertram, K. Lorenz, F. Liu, J. Beck, B. Wentz, M. Bratina, T. Gibbon, B. Meyer, J. Clements, B. Wallace, K. Moll, R. Elbel, K. Sypniewski, S. Drzyzga, S. Mortimer-Smith, and J. Mike.

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 3:37pm

2. Greeting and Introductions

3. Approve the Minutes of the two previous meetings

- a. Attachment A: Minutes from the meeting on Mar. 26, 2015

Motion (Clements) to approve. Passed unanimously.

- b. Attachment B: Minutes from the meeting on Apr. 21, 2015

Motion (Beck) to approve. Passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

- a. Report from last year's GEC representative at the UCC (Dr. Kate Shirk)

From an email from Dr. Shirk dated 9/1/15

"The UCC met today, but it was mostly organizational. They introduced new members to the online system, etc. They are expecting smart catalog to continue to make modifications/improvements on that system. The registrar's office would like UCC to consider recommending guidelines on the introduction of new subject codes (they would like to limit code proliferation).

Dr. Sara Grove reiterated the necessity to carefully look at resource needs for new programs and courses, especially with the current climate of lean resources (and threat of retrenchment).

No new proposals were considered, however there are about 60 proposals in the pipeline at council level or department and submitter level. There should be a few on the agenda next meeting."

- b. Call for nominations to serve as GEC representative at the UCC for the 2015-2016 AY

Beverly Wallace was the only person nominated.

- c. Election of the GEC representative at the UCC for the 2015-2016 AY

Wallace was approved as the GEC-UCC representative.

d. Reports from our Standing Committees

i. Budget (Dr. Scott Drzyzga)

The committee has not met since the last GEC meeting.

1. Initial balance

According to the Provost's Office, the current budget is \$12,000, which is the roll-over balance from last year.

2. Attachment C: Dr. David Godshalk's and Dr. Sharon Harrow's General Education Grant Final Report re: their visits to the Holocaust Museum and Smithsonian Museums in Washington, DC.

ii. Assessment (Dr. Dudley Girard)

The CLA+ exam was given to 153 freshman, which achieves the target set by the committee. This is the first time the targets for both freshmen and seniors have both been achieved. There has not yet been time to get meaningful results of the testing.

1. Report of summer activities

2. Attachment D: Minutes from the meeting on Apr. 24, 2015

iii. Program (Dr. Sherri Bergsten)

PC (Program Committee) moves to approve ANT 190 as a selected-topics Category E course for Spring 2016. The intention is for the course to be offered permanently, but the decision to make this change will be made based on assessment data. A friendly suggestion was made to include specific course/category objectives on the course syllabus. Motion passed unanimously.

Attachment J was distributed, detailing two UCC proposals (15-031 and 15-032), which are essentially renumbering of ENG 106 to ENG 114 and ENG 110 to ENG 115, so that the numbering of these courses is more logical.

PC moves to recommend approval of 15-031 to UCC. Motion passed unanimously.

PC moves to recommend approval of 15-032 to UCC. Motion passed unanimously.

Attachment K was distributed, detailing a UCC proposal to revise UCC #07-78-01, which created the General Education selected topics "190" courses. Several issues, including proposal submission timing, and the number of times a 190 course could be offered, are addressed.

PC moves to approve Attachment K for submission to UCC. The September 1 deadline is “aggressive,” but this has been deemed necessary so that, if approved, the course can be available for students to sign up for in October. Motion passed unanimously.

PC has discussed modifying the Gen Ed program revision timeline to allow for “open forums” to discuss reasons for reforming the program. The forums would be Friday, October 2 (12:30-2pm) and Thursday, October 8 (3:30-5pm), both in Grove Forum. Rebecca Elbel (student representative) suggested allowing students to attend the open forum, and also having a GEC representative attend the Student Senate open forum on October 7 in CUB MPR (7pm).

PC moved to approve holding these open forums. There was discussion about whether students should be invited to the forum or whether it should be faculty-only. The format of the forums was also discussed: Should it be mostly a presentation of information, or just a discussion of ideas?

Dr. Birsch made a motion to amend the motion to make the forums be faculty-only. Discussion emphasized that there should be future forums that include more of the campus community. Motion to amend passed unanimously.

Amended motion passed unanimously.

1. Report of summer activities
 2. Attachment E: Minutes from the meeting on Apr. 7, 2015
 3. Attachment F: Minutes from the meeting on May 4, 2015
 4. Attachment G: Minutes from the meeting on Aug. 20, 2015
 5. Attachment H: Minutes from the meeting on Sept. 1, 2015
 6. Attachment I: A General Education Special Topics Course Proposal: ANT190
 7. Updated “190-type” General Education Special Topics course proposal
- iv. First Year Experience (Dr. Scott Drzyzga)
 1. No report
5. New Business
 - a. Committee assignments for AY 2014-2015

Dr. Drzyzga announced the committee assignments that he and Dr. Mike made.
6. Announcements

Committee assignments and Attachments J and K are included as additional attachments to these minutes.

7. Call to adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 4:49pm.