

General Education Committee

Meeting – Minutes

December 12, 2013

Present: Frank Nigro, Carolyn Borg, James Tate, Shelly Presnell, Anita Maxwell, Marvin Abts, Lauren Hollingsworth, Roxi Redd and Bob Googins.

1. Welcome - The meeting was called to order by Carolyn at 3:05 p.m.
2. Approval of minutes – October 24, 2013

The minutes from the October 24th meeting were reviewed. No comments or corrections. All members voice approval of the minutes as presented.

3. New Course/Changes – for approval:

- a. PHIL 14 History of Modern Western Philosophy – CSU GE Humanities

Background: Ramon Tello developed as a necessary course to establish an AA-T Philosophy. This course will meet the requirement for the transferable AA-T. (James)

Discussion: There was a question about the use of URLs on the course outline of record for textbooks. Carolyn also noted that open-source can be listed as long as the materials are identified as suggested. There was a question about the edition being current, Carolyn noted that the edition needs to be current in last 7 years.

Recommendation: Approve PHIL 14 History of Modern Western Philosophy to the General Education patterns as follows: CSU - C2 Humanities; IGETC Humanities Area 3 – Humanities; and AS-GE 3. Humanities.

The motion was made as per the recommendation; motion approved. (M/S: Googins/Tate)

- b. MATH 2A & 2B Precalculus College Algebra & Precalculus Trigonometry

Background: MATH 2 Precalculus has been split into two courses with the objectives added to meet the C-ID descriptors. These courses cover what is already being taught in MATH 2. MATH 2A & 2B are now 4 and 3 units instead of the 5 units for MATH 2. (Anita)

Discussion: Splitting the course into two courses will add a semester to the students' schedules, but the math department felt it necessary to add content and objectives to the course to fully cover all of the material. It has been shown that the success rate for MATH 2 was well below normal. All of the units will not be UC transferable as only 5 units maximum are allowed for transferability by UC.

Recommendation: Approve courses for the General Education patterns MATH 2A Precalculus College Algebra and MATH 2B Precalculus Trigonometry. CSU B4 Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning; AS GE – 4C Analytical Thinking; and IGETC Area 2 – Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning.

The motion was made as per the recommendation; motion approved. (M/S: Maxwell/Presnell)

- c. GEOG 1A Physical Geography and GEOG 1AL Physical Geography Lab: Retain in Natural Science, remove as Social Science on the AS GE pattern.

Background: This course has a lab added to reinforce content and is accepted as a science course on both CSU and IGETC patterns. There is a clear difference between cultural geography and physical geography. Cultural geography is considered a social science.

Discussion – It was noted that the lab, GEOG 1AL is not a co-requisite on the course outline for GEOG 1A. The question is if there is an assumption that students have previously taken 1A and could take the lab in a different semester. It was also noted that it would tough to take the lab if they have not taken 1A.

Recommendation: Remove both GEOG 1A and GEOG 1AL from the AS GE pattern 2. Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The motion was made as per the recommendation; motion approved. (M/S: Googins/Tate)

4. General Education Learning Outcomes (GELOs)

Lauren mentioned that she was unable to locate the GELOs for foreign languages. Carolyn stated that she will need to gather the data then she and Frank will map them out. Carolyn stated that there needs to be a method to assess the GELO's. Shelly indicated that a handful of faculty in each area are assessing the GELOs. The GELOs can be found through the SLO link on the Faculty Corner webpage.

Mapping project – Our goal is to complete mapping all of the GELOs for the GE courses to the particular GELOs that are already created. Carolyn stated that one-half of courses have been mapped to a GELO. She asked if the committee members were successful in gathering the data from faculty. Several were successful and handing their findings to Carolyn. Lauren was given the forms and will turn these in to Carolyn tomorrow once she and Frank complete them.

Bob asked about the Business courses. Carolyn stated that we needed BUAD 10 and BUAD 45 to be mapped to a GELO within the Living Skills. Bob identified the GELOs for these two courses and provided to Carolyn.

There were no other questions about mapping general education courses to GELOs. Carolyn noted that there will be discussion at Flex Day in January about general education, but not about GELOs.

5. Other Business - None.

6. Next meeting February 20 – third Thursday.

Meeting adjourned.

Notes taken by Peggy Himbert, Administrative Assistant/SLAM