Chicago State University

University General Education Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, November 1st 2012, SCI 213 at 12.30pm

Members Present: U Gen Ed Chair: Steve Rowe, Vice-Chair Monique Germain, Secretary Shaila Christofferson, Rosalind Fielder, Asmamaw Yimer, Kamesha Khan, Liz Osika, Sarah Buck, Tiffany Davis, Aida Abraha, Wanda Mahoney, Evelyne Delgado-Norris

Ex-Officio Members Present: Interim Honor’s College Dean and UCCC Chair: Phil Cronce, GEAC Chair: Mark Sudeith, Former GEAC Chair Geb Mulugeta, Director of Evaluations: Matt Harrison

1. Call to order by chair Steve Rowe at 12:35, with welcome and introductions of new members.

2. Minutes:
   May: Correction requested for change of name to Kamesha Khan. Motion to approve by Rosalind, 2nd Shaila. 5 votes in favor of approving minutes as amended, 0 votes against, 5 abstentions, motion carries.

   September: No corrections. Motion to approve by Liz, 2nd by Shaila. 5 votes in favor, 0 votes against, 5 abstentions, motion carries.

   Oct: Phil made a motion to amend a statement in the October minutes to read: The GEC is only required to submit a report to the faculty senate annually and to notify the Provost’s office where appropriate. Wanda 2nd. 8 votes in favor, 0 votes against, 2 abstentions, motion carries.

3. Distance Education Committee
   DEC requested a member of GEC be on their committee. Rosalind Fielder agreed to be the GEC representative. Tiffany Davis will be the alternate.

4: Review for Gen Ed Courses:
   Kamesha Khan asked why CMAT basic speaking been removed from the core? It was noted that with schools participating in the Illinois Articulation Initiative, that not all programs have basic speech as a core requirement, though many do.

   Phil remarked that any course could fulfill any outcome. Geb noted that every course submitted needs to clearly articulate that it meets one or more outcomes.

   Phil warned about the colossal changes in everyone’s areas that would happen if just one extra course, like CMAT 2030 Basic Speech, were added to the requirements.

   Liz inquired as to why tech literacy and financial literacy are not part of the core.
Geb commented that the assessment tools need to be well designed. He suggested that a GEAC and GEC combined committee be formed that would have 1 GEAC and 1 GEC on each sub-committee, then filled in with other members from both committees. There are 16 members in GEAC, 14 in GEC. Normally GEAC is in charge of approving assessments for GEC.

Liz Osika made a motion stating that “We the GEC offer our collaborative effort with GEAC to review and approve properly submitted General Education courses under the newly revised 6 general education outcomes, and that every subcommittee consist of GEC and GEAC members.”, 2nd from Sara Buck, all in favor, motions carries.

Steve recommended that four subcommittees be formed for: core, natural, social, humanities

Geb: Remarked that 15 credits are in the core area alone; critical thinking and diversity are embedded.

Next meeting will be Dec 6th-12:30

Meeting adjourned 1:55pm

Minutes submitted by Shaila Christofferson