

Chicago State University

University General Education Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, November 07, 2013 Library 301, CTRE

Members Present: GEC Chair Steve Rowe, Vice-Chair Rosalind Fielder, Secretary Shaila Christofferson, Sarah Buck, Liz Osika, Tiffany Davis, Monique Germain, Kamesha Khan, Amber Wise, Quintin Williams

Ex-officio Members Present: GEAC Chair-Mark Sudeith, UCCC Chair Phil Cronce, Director of Evaluations- Matthew Harrison and guest: GEAC member-Das Janssen

Meeting called to order at 12:35pm

1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes-There were no corrections to be made to the minutes. Motion to approve by Shaila, 2nd, by Rosalind. 7 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

2. Review of Membership:

GEC welcomes 3 new members: Victor Akatsa representing Math, Quintin Williams for Health Sciences and Amber Wise from Natural Sciences. Two vacancies remain in the College of Business.

3. UCCC Business:

Dr. Cronce requested that the GEC review the Biology checklist submitted to the UCCC as part of a larger program change in that discipline. Because the number of credit hours listed on the UCCC form proposing the change differed from previous language in the 2012-14 catalogue, BIOL was in fact requesting a change in the language describing the Gen Ed requirements for its program. The UCCC membership voted unanimously that this action should be reviewed by the GEC before it acted. After the GEC members reviewed the documentation showing that the proposed BIOL checklist still met the University Gen Ed requirements despite the modified language, a motion to approve the checklist as meeting University Gen Ed requirements was made by Dr. Osika. Kamisha Khan seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The document was returned to the UCCC Chair for further consideration.

4. Course Review Updates from Subcommittees:

#1 See attached and: HS 2200 Would be better as social science-S. Buck –move to Social Science category is ok.

#2 See attached.

#3 See attached and: Das Janssen made a motion to separate course application proposals for HIST 2840 and HIST 2850, 2nd by Rosalind Fielder, all in favor, motion carried.

5. December Plan for Reviews:

Any outstanding Humanities courses will be covered and also the embedded requirements of Critical Thinking, Diversity and Fine Arts.

A lengthy discussion consumed the remainder of the meeting with the majority of it concerning “assessments” and “assessment instruments”. At some point in the discussion Das Janssen clarified what many of us were likely dealing with; that there is an equivocal understanding of assessment, across campus, and for most members of the GEC. This (mis)understanding is significant.

Other thoughtful remarks include:

Phil: Put a statement in the syllabus regarding assessment, outcomes, etc specifically for Gen Ed.

Rosalind: Perhaps we should have a workshop for faculty regarding assessment.

Phil: Assessment outcomes cannot be attached to a graded assignment. Also, the final grade cannot be part the assessment.

Liz: How do we want to handle “assessment”? Is this testable or measurable criteria for HLC? How will these outcomes be assessed?

Monique: Health Sciences must show that course objective are linked to program objectives throughout.

Liz: CAS has a requirement of one additional humanities course, or 50% more, that the other colleges require.

Motion to adjourn by Phil Cronce, 2nd by Shaila. Meeting adjourned 1:55pm.

Minutes recorded by Shaila Christofferson

(Please see attachments.)