University General Education Committee

Minutes

February 28, 2017

ADM 301 12:30 – 2:00

Voting members present: Arthur Redman (Chair), Sarah Buck (Secretary), Archie Peters, Tiffany Davis, Joni Jackson, Joanna Kolendo, Doug Lia, Christine Ohale, Evelyne Norris

Ex-officio members present: Shaila Christofferson, Philip Cronce, Mark Sudeith, Satasha Green

Guests: Tadesse Giorgis, Barbara Belisle

1. Call to order. 12:37
2. Approval of minutes.
   a. Change “agenda” to “minutes”
   b. P. Cronce moved to approve the minutes as amended; J. Jackson seconded>
      motion approved unanimously
3. Review of membership recruitment efforts and welcome to interim serving members; Dr. Douglas Lia and Dr. Tiffany Davis
   a. Objection to granting interim members voting privileges? P. Cronce indicated bylaws have 3 year terms due, in part, to issues that are wide-ranging and long term. A. Redman said this will not be a precedent, but is related to ensuring having a quorum. No vote taken, just an informal discussion of concerns. It was agreed the two newest members would have voting privileges for this academic year only.
   a. A. Redman sent an email with attachments related to approved Gen Ed changes. This was dispensed widely across campus to remind every program the Gen Ed curriculum must be updated. A. Redman also attended Faculty Senate as well as other various meetings in order to answer questions.
   b. Issues that arose during this information sharing include programs in the field of Education that have a problem with the approved changes due to licensure
      i. Math 1010 and 1020 are not approved GEn Ed courses
         1. Bilingual, Early Childhood, El Ed require these courses
         2. Motion to approve a waiver for these programs to fulfill the math core requirement: P. Cronce moved, J. Jackson seconded: approved unanimously
      ii. Psych 2040 is not an approved GEn Ed course, but for nearly every Ed program, it is required (this will be discussed at today’s meeting; see below)
iii. Some Ed programs require BIO 1510, which is not on the list of approved courses
   1. Only required in El Ed, Early Childhood, and Bilingual
   2. Discussion regarding objections to having a waiver to count this course for those programs in the Natural Sciences. P. Cronce moved to approve having a waiver for this to count for the aforementioned programs, D. Lia seconded: approved unanimously.

iv. Due to State regulations, some programs require students take Intro to Visual Arts (ART 1100) and Mus 1134 (Music Appreciation). Both of these are counted as fine arts courses
   1. Early Childhood being redesigned due to changes in licensing requirements. They want the two courses to count as Fine Arts and Humanities (6 hour requirement). Both courses include a history of the respective field.
   2. P. Cronce expressed a concern about students graduating with only three hours in Humanities. Other Humanities faculty agreed with this concern.
   3. This would be a waiver
   4. If an Education major changes majors, s/he will still need a Humanities class
   5. P. Cronce moved with the amendment that this does not set a precedent for other programs, A. Peters seconded: approved unanimously

v. It is recommended that programs submit a waiver for various courses to count given the reluctance to add hours to their programs. There was discussion regarding who should be making the final decision (Gen Ed Committee versus the Provost office).
   1. There was a waiver submitted by the COE regarding Math 1010 and 1020. However, Gen Ed has not received paperwork from the Math dept regarding these classes. This (COE) waiver went to Dr. Arnott-Hill, but was not forwarded on.
   2. P. Cronce provided a background (history) about how we arrived at the approved course listings, and discussed the notion of adding to the approved courses (would require other committee involvement) versus programs submitting a waiver.
   3. A. Redman suggested that the approved course list should be a working document, with courses added as needed
   4. S. Green suggested 1010 and 1020 are specific for those in the teaching program. Should a student change majors from teaching,
1010 would not be able to count for 1200.

5. Actions:
   a. Music Program Changes
      1. Music with Concentration in Commercial Music and Technology (Mus 1352 [Ref#])
      2. Discussion about whether the requirements meet the new university Gen Ed requirements
      3. Motion to approve MUS 1352 as meeting the new Gen Ed requirements: P. Cronce, J. Jackson seconded: approved unanimously
   ii. Music with Concentration in Gospel Music (MUS 1353 [Ref#])
      1. Language should read “oral communication” on their proposal rather than just “communication”
   iii. Music Studies (MUS 1354 [Ref#])
      1. The paperwork was reviewed and deemed acceptable
      2. P. Cronce moved to approve MUS 1353 and 1354, S. Christofferson seconded: approved unanimously
   b. Physics Program Changes: (PHYB 1355-1357 [Ref#])
      i. Physics for Bioscience Applications
         1. Key line: “note that the mathematics and natural sciences general education requirements are embedded in the major”
      ii. Engineering Physics
      iii. Physics
      iv. After reviewing all materials, motion to accept the Physics Program changes: S. Christofferson moved, J. Jackson seconded: approved unanimously
   c. Chemistry Program Changes: (CHEM 1358-1360 [Ref#])
      i. Chemistry
      ii. Biochemistry Option
      iii. Industrial Chemistry Option
      iv. After reviewing all materials, motion to accept the Chemistry Program changes: P. Cronce moved, A. Peters seconded: approved unanimously
   d. Review Psychology 2040 Proposal for inclusion in General Education approved courses. (Materials were included for today’s meeting)
      i. Proposal
      ii. Assessment materials
         1. Members reviewed the materials provided, including the proposal, the assessment, the syllabus, and the TOC for the textbook
         2. Few changes from when the materials were submitted previously,
although the content has changed by focusing later during development rather than at infancy
3. No change in existing course; no change in catalog language
4. Assessment will commence if/when course is approved by this committee
5. Materials need to be changed for the effective date: change effective fall 2018 to fall 2017. Department should send an updated copy
6. P. Cronce suggested this be a waiver rather than changing the approved courses. However, all licensing programs require this course, so it may be too arduous to go through all the waivers rather than changing the approved courses
7. Ed students could count this course even if they change majors
8. P. Cronce motioned to approve this course to be added to the list of approved courses, E. Norris seconded: approved unanimously

6. Discussion of additional meeting options in March
   a. March 21 or 23 (TBD)
7. New Business
   a. NA
8. Adjournment 1:47