

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of September 17, 2012

Present: Karla Davis Salazar (chair), Manish Agrawal, Dan Belgrad, Annette Christy, Jerry Collins, William Cummins, Sandy Czerwinski, C. David Frankel, Marty Gould, Ippokratis Kantzios, Denise Maguire, Alison Oberne, Audra Parker, Audrey Powers, Sandy Reynolds, Scott Rimbey, Stephan Schindler, Mary Fournier, Mariam Manzur Leiva

Absent: Jeff Cunningham (excused), Susan Silver (excused), Gerald Woods (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio/

Resource Staff: Bob Sullins (UGS), Janet Moore (UGS), Ray McCrory (UGS)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes of April 2, 2012 were approved.

Announcements

Dean Sullins provided greetings to the General Education Council and discussed issues related to the new General Education requirements mandated by the Florida State Legislature. General Education course requirements will be reduced from 36 to 30 semester credit hours, beginning with students initially entering a Florida College System institution in 2014-2015. Fifteen semester credit hours of general education core courses will consist of one course from five options in each of the subject areas of communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences. The remaining fifteen hours will be for the individual universities to determine. Dean Sullins took questions from the committee. Ippokratis Kantzios from CAS was welcomed as a new member of the General Education Council.

Old Business

Substantive Change to Proposal Questions for Capstone Courses: The GEC voted to add the following question to the Dimensions Document: Please provide evidence for the way the course provides students with a culminating educational experience and integrates multiple areas of knowledge and dimensions, as stated in the description of the Capstone course.

New Business

State Changes to General Education – Implications for Recertification: A discussion was held on the implications of the new state general education requirements on the recertification process. Depending on the courses selected by the state for inclusion in each core area, departments may seek different strategies in their course offerings. Therefore, the GEC voted to pause the recertification process until the end of spring 2013 when the state is expected to have completed its work. Recertification proposals that have already been submitted will be reviewed. Departments with outstanding proposals will be given the option of submitting those proposals for review or waiting until spring 2013. Chair Davis Salazar will send a letter to departments notifying them of the hold on the recertification process.

Recertification Proposals

Assignments of reviewers were made for the recertification of the following courses:

AMH 2010 – American History I (CAHU: HHCP, HCD)
EUH