

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of April 16th, 2007

Present: Drew Smith, Ed Kellner, Hunt Hawkins, Ilene Frank, Jane Noll, Joan Morris, John Hodgson, Philip Levy, Robert Potter (Chair), Scott Campbell, Sharon Geiger, Suzanne Perry-Casler, Terry Sincich, Terri Flateby.

Absent: David Frankel, Gladis Kersaint, Greg Paveza, John Ferron, Nancy White, William Murray.

Ex-Officio/Guests: Bob Ingalls, Diane Williams, Janet Moore, Arka Bhattacharya.

The meeting was called to order at 3.05 p.m. in SVC 2080.

Minutes – The Minutes of April 2nd, 2007 were approved by all with the suggested amendments.

Discussions –

1. Summer Stipends for reviewers

The GEC announced the possibility of stipends for summer reviewers (those not on nine month contracts).

2. Assessment Proposal for a Summer Institute on General Education Assessment:

A proposal was made by T. Flateby for a summer institute on assessment. The summer institute will focus on assessment and reviews of student performances in Gen Ed courses already proposed or to be proposed by faculty participants this summer. The program will include review of ways that dimensions of General Education are assessed in various institutions. The GEC members approved a three day program and some follow-up sessions in subsequent terms.

3. Exemplary Course Proposals:

The GEC members suggested displaying portions of exemplary proposals illustrating different dimensions on the website to help the new course proposers have a better idea about what the new general education program is trying to achieve.

Course Proposal Review Status –

Approved Courses

• **History Courses -----Approved. (Total funding approved : \$42,000)**

1. **AMH 2010 – American History I-----Approved.**

This course is an introductory survey of American history from Columbus and "First Contact" to Reconstruction. This course was approved.

Core Area: Humanities

Dimensions: CT, I, HHCP, HCD.

2. **EUH 2011 - Ancient History I -----Approved.**

This course is an introductory survey of ancient history. EUH 2011 treats the ancient Near East, Egypt and Greece from the origins of civilization to the Hellenistic kingdoms following the death of Alexander the Great. This course was approved.

Core Area: Humanities

Dimensions: CT, I, HHCP, HCD.

3. **EUH 2022 - The Medieval West -----Approved.**

This course is an introductory survey of medieval history. EUH 2022 examines the European and Mediterranean worlds, exploring the evolution and transformation of beliefs, institutions and social structures, ca. 500-1500. This course was approved.

Core Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

Dimensions: CT, I, HHCP, HCD.

The total funding amount approved by the GEC for the Geography courses: **LIST courses \$42,000.**

- **GEO 2371 - Introduction to Earth Systems Science (01/05/2007) -----Approved**
This course provides a general overview of the earth, the inter-relationship between its functional systems, and a review of human impacts on the earth system at all scales. The course was approved and no funding was requested from the GEC.
Core Area: Physical Sciences **Dimensions:** CT, I, ENP, IRD.
- **NUR 4286 - Geriatric Nursing: Population-based Perspectives on Nursing Care of Older Adults - -----Pending.**
- **ISS 1101 - Knowledge and Society -----Returned for Additional Information.**
- **ARH 3001 - Introduction to Art -----Returned for Additional Information.**
- **WST 2600 - Human Sexual Behavior -----Pending (Funding Issues).**
- **OCE 2001 - Introduction to Oceanography -----Pending.**

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 30th, 2007, at 3:00 pm in SVC 2080. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 pm.

Appendix (Acronyms used):

CT: Critical Thinking	HHCP: Human Historical Context and processes
I: Inquiry - based Learning	HCD: Human and Cultural Diversity.
SP: Scientific Processes.	GC: Global Context
QL: Quantitative Literacy	EP: Ethical Perspectives
IL: Information Literacy	CIPE: Creative and Interpretive Processes and Experiences.
WLC1: Written Language Competency 1	
ENP: Environmental Perspective	
IRD: inter-relationships among Disciplines.	