UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
General Education Council  
Minutes of December 3rd, 2007

Present: Ken Caswell, Scott Campbell, John Ferron, C. David Frankel, Hunt Hawkins, Ed Kellner, Gladis Kersaint (Chair), Kathy Laframboise, Jane Noll, Paul Reller, Laura Rusnak, Nancy White, Cheryl Zambroski.

Ex-Officio/Guests: Arka Bhattacharya, Terri Flateby, Pat Maher, Janet Moore, Diane Williams.

Absent: Sue Bartlett, Ilene Frank (excused), Sharon Geiger, Joan Morris, (excused), Phil Levy, Jeffrey Ryan, Drew Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m. in SVC 2080. Dr. Kersaint presided.

Minutes: The minutes of November 5th, 2007, were approved with suggested amendments. The minutes of November 19th, 2007, were approved with suggested amendments

Course Proposal Review Status:

Approved Courses

1. **With Funding Requests ($$$)**

   - **LAE 4414 - Literature in Childhood Education**  
   Content Approved only.  
   This course involves the selection, evaluation, and use of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry for instructional, informational, and recreational purposes in childhood education.  
   **Core Area:** Exit Course (Writing)  
   **Dimensions:** CT, I, GLC, WLC1.

   - **HUM 2515 - Introduction to the Cultural Study of Popular Music**  
   Content Approved only.  
   This course an interdisciplinary examination of popular music traditions as they affect race, class, and gender, and interact with commerce, technology, and politics. Students will combine critical listening with history and cultural analysis.  
   **Core Area:** Humanities  
   **Dimensions:** CT, I, CIPE, IRD.

Review Issues

Summary Statements

The Chair of GEC, Dr. Gladis Kersaint initiated a discussion about summary statements and their purpose. After an extended conversation, the members acknowledged that bulleted summary statements with “action” oriented comments would help submitters understand what is needed in order for their courses to be approved.

Gordon Rule

There was a discussion about Gordon rule requirements and guidelines and the members also talked about the limits of Gordon rule class sizes. The GEC members also stressed that the submitters
should address the student evaluation processes in the course proposals and also provide examples to support the selected dimensions.

Teaching Assistants
The council members also discussed the instructional role of teaching assistants and their mentoring process. They acknowledged that supervision and coordination of teaching assistants is vital.

Committee Reports

1. Assessment Sub-committee

The GEC Assessment subcommittee is trying to get historians to look at the Human Historical Context and Processes dimension and is working on instructor driven processes that would also involve data collection from the students. Details on the methods for assessment were debated. The assessment committee will reconvene soon to discuss these issues.

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 7, 2007, at 3:00 pm in SVC 5012. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MEETING PLACE. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.