

General Education Council Meeting
November 18, Kennesaw Hall, Room 1302

Members Present: Jesse Benjamin (CHSS: Sociology); Cathy Bradford (UC: First Year and Transition Studies); Lucie Viakinnou-Brinson (HSS: Foreign Languages); Joy Brookshire (CSM: Molecular and Cellular Biology); Tom Doleys (CHSS: Political Science); Edward Eanes (COTA: Music); Letizia Guglielmo (HSS: English); Sarah Holmes (COTA: Dance); Deborah Hutchinson (COTA: Arts & Design); Huggins Msimanga (CSM: Chemistry); Michael Patrono (Coles: Economics); Jan Phillips (CHSS: Communication); Nancy Reichert (CHSS: English); Virginia Rendini for Amy Howton (CHHS: Health Promotion & Physical Ed.); Susan Rouse (CHSS: Philosophy); Barbara Salyer (BCOE); Deborah Sen (HSS: Anthropology); Erin Sutherland (CSM: Physics); Bruce Thomas (CSM: Mathematics); Seneca Vaught (CHSS: Interdisciplinary Studies); Matt Waller (CHSS: Geography).

Ex-Officio: Valerie Whittlesey (Provost's office).

Visitors Present: Timothy Mathews (Coles: Economics); Chien-Pin Li (CHSS: Dean's Office); Carmen Skaggs (CHSS: Dean's Office).

I. Minutes of the October 21 meeting.

There was a motion by Jan and a second by Virginia to approve the Oct. 21 meeting minutes. There was a unanimous yes voice vote to accept the minutes.

II. Review of Course Proposals

The following proposals were reviewed by the GEC:

- a. Core area D- PHYS 1111 (Intro. to Physics I), 1112 (Intro. to Physics II), 2211 (Principles of Physics I), & 2212 (Principles of Physics II)- separate the lab and lecture as co-requisites and convert the lecture hours from 3 to 4.
- b. Core area B- ECON 1000 (Contemporary Economic Issues)- added to core area B1 and convert to 2 credit hours.
- c. Core area E- ANTH 1102 (Intro. to Anthropology), CRJU 1101 (Intro. to Criminal Justice), GEOG 1101 (Intro. to Human Geography), PSYC 1101 (Introduction to General Psychology), SOCI 1101 (Intro. to Sociology), STS 1101 (Science, Technology, and Society)- added to core area E4.

Val indicated that the Social Issues courses in B1 and the ECON 1101 in E4 will be discontinued when the proposals in B and C above are approved by the USG-GEC.

PHYS 1111- There was a motion by Jan and second by Virginia to approve the change followed by a unanimous voice vote.

PHYS 1112- There was a motion by Jan second by Virginia to approve the change followed by a unanimous voice vote.

PHYS 2211- There was a motion by Jan and second by Virginia to approve the change followed by a unanimous voice vote.

PHYS 2212- There was a motion by Jan and second by Virginia to approve the change followed by a unanimous voice vote.

ECON 1000- There was a motion by Jan and second by Virginia to approve the course followed by a unanimous voice vote.

ANTH 1102- There was a motion by Jan and second by Virginia to approve the course followed by a unanimous voice vote.

CRJU 1101- There was a motion by Jan and second by Virginia to approve the course followed by a unanimous voice vote.

GEOG 1101- There was a motion by Jan and second by Virginia to approve the course followed by a unanimous voice vote.

PSYC 1101- There was a motion by Jan and second by Virginia to approve the course followed by a unanimous voice vote.

SOCI 1101- There was a motion by Jan and second by Virginia to approve the course followed by a unanimous voice vote.

STS 1101- There was a motion by Jan and second by Virginia to approve the course followed by a unanimous voice vote.

There was a motion by Jan and second by Virginia to waive the second review for all of the proposals followed by a unanimous voice vote.

The proposals will now go to the UPCC for review. We have time to make the January 22 deadline for the Feb. 19 USG-GEC meeting agenda.

III. Faculty Director of General Education.

The ad is now posted on the KSU job postings webpage. The ad has also been posted in the Chronicle, Diverse, HigherEdJobs, InsideHigherEd, and on the AAC&U webpage. The application deadline for full consideration of application materials is Jan. 29, 2016. Val asked GEC members to please consider applying and to share the ad with others who might be interested in it.

Val, Tom, Huggins, Margaret, and Seneca will serve on the search committee. The search committee will meet in January to develop a search timeline. This timeline will be shared with the GEC at the Jan. 20 meeting.

IV. Gen. Ed. Assessment- Tom

Tom indicated that all is going well. The B2 faculty are looking at pros and cons for the various critical thinking standardized tests. They plan to decide on the CT test that they will use by the end of this semester.

V. Core Area C2 Literature Learning Outcome- Tom and Nancy

At the Oct. GEC meeting, Tom presented the following learning outcome from the Literature faculty for core area C2:

“Students will interpret works of literature in light of their historical, social, economic, scientific, and/or other contexts.”

GEC members wondered why the focus on “multicultural” aspects of the course were removed and suggested the following alternative:

“Students will interpret works of literature in light of their historical, social, MULTICULTURAL, economic, scientific, and/or other contexts.”

Tom indicated he would take this revision back to the Literature faculty and report back at the Nov. GEC meeting.

Nancy and Tom indicated that the Literature faculty amended the GEC’s proposal and are suggesting the following C2 learning outcome.

“Students will interpret works of literature in light of multicultural contexts, including but not limited to historical, social, economic, and scientific milieux of their production.”

The GEC was fine with the Literature faculty’s amendment.

VI. Core Area B1 Learning Outcome- Tom and Tim

Tom and Tim indicated that the B2 learning outcome is:

“Students will evaluate and synthesize information to support ideas and perspectives.”

They suggested that the B1 learning outcome be the same as the B1 LO. So the B1 learning outcome will read:

“Students will evaluate and synthesize information to support ideas and perspectives.”

The GEC was fine with this amendment.

VII. CHSS General Education Course Scheduling for Fall, 2016- Carmen Skaggs

Carmen indicated that CHSS will schedule 25% of its general education classes for fall, 2016 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Jesse indicated that some of our ethnic minority students may find it a struggle to attend classes 3 days a week. Similarly, concern was expressed about asking PT faculty, who are paid so little, to come to campus 3 days a week.

It was agreed that there are no easy answers to offering the number of gen. ed. classes needed at the times that students need them.

VIII. Jan. 20 meeting.

Val reminded everyone that we are meeting on the Marietta campus for our Jan. 20 meeting in room J161. She will send instructions on how to get to that building and where to park in January.

Val wished everyone happy holidays!!!

The meeting was adjourned.