Committee: General Education and Instructional Effectiveness Committee (GEIEC)

Meeting Date: February 18, 2019

Person Presiding: Puri Martínez, 2018-19 Elected Chair of GEIEC

Regular Members in Attendance:
Rosa Alvarez-Bell, George Bailey, Beth Chaney, Lida Cope, Debra Kosko, and Puri Martínez

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:
John Collins and Jen-Scott Mobley

Others in Attendance:
Kristen Dreyfus, Yihui Li, and Jayne Geissler, Holly Mathews, Elena Murenina, Cynthia Wagoner, Lisa Ellison

Actions of Meeting:

1. Call to order – 2:05pm

2. Puri called for approval of the minutes from January 14, 2019 – meeting minutes were approved; motion passed.

3. Report on meeting about Curriculog – Kristen Dreyfus and Puri Martínez met with representatives from Curriculog and others regarding incorporating the GEIEC process into Curriculog. The Curriculog representatives indicated support for the idea and process; therefore, the committee will be updated on this process, as it moves forward.

4. Action requested at this meeting: Catalog Change – Kristen Dreyfus explained that the current Catalog reference to General Education (GE) courses indicates that only 1000 and 2000 level courses are listed as being eligible for GE; therefore, a revision was suggested, in order for the Catalog to capture that, under certain circumstances, 3000-level courses may receive credit.

It was also suggested the committee consider some language about courses with prerequisites, given some GE classes have prerequisites. Therefore, the language “do not have multiple prerequisites” was added to the description.

Puri will circulate a revised version of the description to the committee. A motion was called to vote on edited description – Beth Chaney moved to approve, Lida Cope seconded – motion passed.

5. Collaboration between GEIEC and Academic Advising Collaborative to increase number of courses with Domestic and Global Diversity Designations (Martínez, Geissler) – Jayne and Puri met with advisors to discuss how to get more proposals for Domestic and Global
Diversity Designations. In assessing the Catalog, a list of courses that could be considered for both designations was compiled. It was suggested the committee approach the Departments to request a proposal for these courses, and to determine a process for reviewing these courses for credit. It was also suggested that Provost Mitchelson and the Deans be involved to request that Departments consider submitting these courses for designation consideration.

6. George Bailey proposed changing the Global and Domestic Diversity requirement to an “either/or” 3-hour requirement versus a requirement for 6 hours. Motion made by George Bailey to change the Global/Domestic Diversity requirement; Debra Kosko seconded the motion. The committee discussed the motion. – motion passed (4-2)

Puri asked that the committee keep working with the advising center, as well as with Departments to identify more courses to consider for Domestic or Global Diversity. It was suggested that the committee review the list of courses, and once the list is finalized, that it be sent to Provost Mitchelson with a request to reach out to Deans and unit administrators to support the process.

7. Progress report on instructions and sample syllabi (Martínez) - Puri presented a draft of the new instructions for the GE request form to the committee. Puri made a motion that we adopt the new instructions to post on the website, Beth Chaney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. Progress reports on the assessment of General Education Natural Science and Health Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity Designations (Dreyfus, Li) – Kristen Dreyfus provided an update on the GE Health Promotion and Health-Related PA Designation and the GE Natural Science Designation to the committee.


   a. GEIEC Reviewers: Bell, Bailey - Motion passed.

10. Department of Anthropology. Global Diversity Designation (GD) for ANTH 1000 Introduction to Anthropology. Department representatives: Holly Mathews (present) and Heidi Luchsinger (not present).

   a. GEIEC Reviewers: Bell, Bailey - Motion passed.

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13. Classics Studies/Religious Studies General Education Humanities Credit (GE: HU) and Global Diversity Designation (GD) for CLAS 1600 Sex, Spells and Sacrifices: Religion in the Classical World. Programs representative: Lisa Ellison (present).
   a. GEIEC Reviewers: Alford, Ellis (neither were present) - Motion (for both designations) passed.

14. Chair approved designations for the following transfer courses:
   a. Global Diversity Designation (GD) for HUM 120 Cultural Studies from Pitt Community College
   b. Global Diversity Designation (GD) for ANTH 101G Social Cultural Anthropology Utah Valley University

15. George Bailey suggested the committee consider revising the Global and Domestic Diversity descriptions to make the language more flexible for various disciplines. The committee agreed to add this item to a future agenda.

16. Adjournment: 3:42pm