

Committee: General Education and Instructional Effectiveness Committee (GEIEC)

Meeting Date: November 18, 2019

Person Presiding: Travis Alford, 2019-20 Elected Vice Chair of GEIEC (until 2:15pm);

Puri Martínez, 2019-2020 Elected Chair of GEIEC (remainder of meeting)

Regular Members in Attendance:

Travis Alford, George Bailey, Beth Chaney, Puri Martínez, Randall Martoccia

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

John Collins, Ying Zhou, Becky Jordan, Lida Cope, Jen-Scott Mobley, Noah Shuler

Others in Attendance:

Eduardo Leorri, Kristen Dreyfus, Li Yihui

Actions of Meeting:

1. Call to order – 2:02pm
2. Approval of November 4th meeting minutes – motion made by John Collins, 2nd by Noah Shuler; minutes approved.
3. Department of Geological Sciences of General Education Natural Science Credit (GE: SC) for GEOL 1010 Geology Goes to Hollywood: Natural Disasters.
 1. School representative: Eduardo Leorri
 2. **GEIEC Reviewers: Alford, Martoccia**

Dr. Leorri provided an overview of the proposal, and the committee posed a few questions and provided minor suggested edits. Motion was made to approve the course for SC credit, motion passed.

4. Department of English for: General Education Humanities Credit (GE: HU) for ENGL 1000 Exploring Literature. Change in title and catalog description -- renewing of Humanities Credit.

Dr. Cope provided an overview of the proposal for the change in title and catalog description. Motion was made to approve the course for HU credit, motion passed.

General Education Humanities Credit (GE: HU) for ENGL 3260 History of African American Literature. Change in title and catalog description - renewing the GED:HU credit. The GEIEC previously rejected the renewal based on our incomplete understanding of when to grant HU credit for 3000 level courses. Now that we have more nuanced information, the Department of English requested the GEIEC to reconsider.

Dr. Cope provided an overview of the proposal for the change in title and catalog description. She emphasized that the class had the credit previously, but with the title change, the Department is requesting reconsideration of HU credit. Motion was made to approve the course for HU credit, motion passed.

Domestic Diversity Credit (DD) for ENGL 3875 Introduction to Writing Studies.

Dr. Cope provided an overview of the proposal for the DD credit request, and the committee posed a few questions. Motion was made to approve the course for DD credit, motion passed.

1. Department Representative: Lida Cope
2. **GEIEC Primary Reviewers: Alford, Cohen**

5. 3000-Level Courses with GE credit: Puri developed a spreadsheet of the selection of 3000-level courses that need more information regarding General Education credit. Once selected, the GEIEC will communicate with unit administrators and program directors for justification if the GE credit should remain on the 3000-level course. The criteria identified to select GE courses to send to a Department included:
 1. The course has not been regularly offered (less than every other year)
 2. More than 1 stated prerequisite (ENGL 1100 and 2010 should not count toward that rule)
 3. Less than a total of 10 students have taken the course in the last 4 AY.
 4. Independent Studies should not count
 5. If students need to bring a lot of prior knowledge to the course (writing skills, research skills, analytical skills), the course is not General Education.

A discussion regarding Independent Studies and using enrollment numbers as criteria was had by the committee. It was determined that the committee would contact the unit administrators and provide the list of identified 3000-level courses with GE credit, the criteria for GE credit (SACS language, catalog language), and ask that they respond with the courses they want to keep as GE credit. For the courses administrators would like to keep with GE credit, the committee will request a rationale be provided. The deadline for unit administrators to reply was set as March 20, 2020.

6. Report on Blue Text Analytics (BTA) for Faculty Senate December Meeting. The Faculty Senate office requested a complete report be sent to the Faculty Senate members. The GEIEC reviewed and discussed the final report. Motion was made to approve the report for the December Faculty Senate meeting, motion passed, with one member abstaining.
7. Adjourn – 3:15pm