

General Education and Instructional Effectiveness Committee
Minutes & Agenda
2:00 PM, Monday, January 24, 2022
Virtual Teams Meeting and in Rawl Annex 142

2:00 -Call to Order:

Attendance:

John Collins, George Bailey, Elizabeth Mizelle, Edmund Wall, Ying Zhou, Karen Vail-Smith, Christopher Oakley, Adriana Heimann Rios, James Loudon, Crystal Chambers, Kristen Dreyfus, Donna Kain, Jeff Bair, Rhonda Kenny, Ram Khatiwada, Yihui Li, Mary Tucker-McLaughlin, Randall Thomson Martoccia, Carrie Forbes, Eric Horsman, Helena Feder, Karl Rodabaugh

2:01 -Approval of the minutes for November 15, 23021:

Approved

2:02 - Announcements: Domestic Diversity credit was given to SYG 2000, Introductory Sociology, Valencia Community College. Global Diversity credit was given to GD, HIS 1301 Introduction to Global History, Winston Salem State University, PHIL 1316 History of Religions. Central Texas College, SCMT Global Terrorism, American Military University, and IINTL 450 Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism. American Public University System. A revised copy of the syllabus for ECON 3233, Costa Rica Agriculture, which we previously approved for Global Diversity credit, pending the revision of the syllabus, was sent to the Faculty Senate office on January 4, 2022.

2:03 - Recommended correction to the minutes of September 20, 2021: The minutes state: "Removal of pre-requisites for ANTH 2015 GD and GE:SO, ANTH 3003 GD and GE:SO, ANTH 3004 GD and GE:SO, ANTH 3005 DD and GE:SO, ANTH 3016 DD and GE:SO, ANTH 3017 GD and GE:SO, ANTH 3018 GD and GE:SO, ANTH 3115 GE:SO, ANTH 3252 GD and GE:SO, ANTH 3300 GD and GE:SO."

There are errors in the listing of diversity credit and General Education area. ANTH 2015 is GE:SC, not GE:SO. ANTH 3115 is only GD, not GE:SO. ANTH 3016 is GD, not DD.

It is recommended that the minutes be revised to read: "Removal of pre-requisites for ANTH 2015 GD and **GE:SC**, ANTH 3003 GD and GE:SO, ANTH 3004 GD and GE:SO, ANTH 3005 DD and GE:SO, ANTH 3016 **GD** and GE:SO, ANTH 3017 GD and GE:SO, ANTH 3018 GD and GE:SO, ANTH 3115 **GD**, ANTH 3252 GD and GE:SO, ANTH 3300 GD and GE:SO."

In addition, prerequisites are being added to ANTH 3115. In as much as ANTH 3115 does not carry General Education credit (it has GD credit), and there is no policy on prerequisites for courses earning GD credit, this is not something the GEIEC has to act on.

Passed

2:05 - Update on General Education assessment: Kristen Springer Deryfus.

- **Data collection fall & spring, share initial findings with dept then involve GEIEC, GEIEC then can respond to action plan**

- Yihui Li - The first assessment cycle was 2017-18, Depts: Chem, Bio, Physics, Geo (didn't collect data, but participated in action plan)
- Assessed 4 SLO's
- Yihui Li – shared the action plan & progress report for each department shared, the action plan and progress is ongoing, due to disruption from COVID
- Ram Khatiwada, shared the GEIEC Rubric for evaluating syllabi, then shared results of evaluating those syllabi receiving Gen Ed Humanities Designation
- The current review they have selected various syllabi from Gen Ed math courses
- Will email reports to committee members, will ask committee for revisions & suggestions after review

2:12 Request for Domestic Diversity credit: MUSC 2226, Introduction to Popular Music in America. Dr. Jeff Bair.

Domestic Diversity, Dr. Jeff Bair, reasons why course should receive Introduction to American Popular Music, Diversity narrative, self-evident: minstrel shows, under-represented groups, easy to tie into cultural responsiveness discussions, online course, trying to diversify course offerings: now have classical and jazz courses, want to unbank this course - bring into mainstream.

- Crystal asked if diversity was an add on to course, or are they updating already included content
- Adriana Heimann Rios asked about more elaboration regarding the topics covered other than jazz
- Response: American popular music took a different path, started with African American enslaved people, vaudeville, minstrel shows, blues, Black gospel, soul, jazz, Motown – much underrepresented in jazz course, would be brought to forefront in this course, Latin music as well
- Course passed, will go to faculty senate for approval, then will move to chancellor for approval, if approved we will be notified, and then registrar's office will be notified, and course catalog will be updated

2:16 – Request for Global Diversity credit: PHIL 1700, Philosophy of Death and Dying. Dr. Ed Wall.

Themes: death/dying, abortion, euthanasia, afterlife/immortality, will expect students describe philosophical arguments for/against, Buddhist societies, Indigenous/African societies, and Ancient Greek societies.

Passed

2:22 – Request to continue Math general Education credit for MATH 2121: Math is removing MATH 1077 as a prerequisite for the course. They are adding trigonometric functions with applications to periodic biological phenomena to the course content. This will not impact the course meeting its current general education outcomes. [Because the Gen Ed content is not impacted, we did not request anyone from Math to represent this course.]

Passed

2:24 Request to continue Domestic Diversity Credit for HAFS 1103 and the course name is changed from “Marriage and Family Relations” to “Individual, Family, and Romantic Relationships:” The new title better reflects the diversity of relationships covered in the course and what the course is called at other universities. There will be no change in course content. [Because the diversity content is not impacted, we did not request anyone to represent this course.]

Passed

2:26 - Request to continue Natural Science credit for GEOL 1600, History of Earth and Life Through Time: The course is being changed from 4 credit hours to three credit hours. The broad topics in the course will not be changed, but will be covered in less detail. Dr. Eric Horsman.

Passed

2:31 – Request for Social Science Credit for ANTH 1088, The Anthropology of Monsters, Vampires, and Zombies: Dr. James Loudon.

Passed

2:36 – Request for Global Diversity Credit for ANTH 1088, The Anthropology of Monsters, Vampires, and Zombies: Dr. James Loudon.

James Loudon – Anthropology of monsters, vampires, and zombies. Monsters course – Monsters are a response to a group of people within a society. Many members interested in content of this course.

Passed

2:41 - Request for Humanities General Education Credit for ENGL 2490, Introduction to Environmental Humanities: Dr. Helena Feder or Dr. Donna Kain.

Passed

2:46 – Request for Humanities General Education Credit for HIST 2005, Humans and Nature: Global Environmental History: Dr. Karl Rodabaugh.

Passed

2:51 – Request for Global Diversity Credit for HIST 2005, Humans and Nature: Global Environmental History: Dr. Karl Rodabaugh.

Special topics course, Dr. R unable to attend, will just be taught one time in Fall.

Passed

2:56 – New Business:

Business carried over to the February 21st 2022 meeting:

Policy on revising General Education area requirements.

Library resource report.

RCTX 2200 and the two course requirement for the Health Promotion and Health Related Physical Activity Competency requirement.

Request for one-off General Education credit for courses that do not normally receive General Education credit.

Minutes added by Carrie Forbes, January 24, 2022.

Submitted January 26, 2022.