Academic Senate of California State University, Long Beach

Committee / Council Annual Report

YEAR: 2013-2014

Name of Committee / Council: General Education Governing Committee (GEGC)

Prepared by: Peter Kreysa, GEGC Chair

Date: September 2014

Membership: Yan, Jun (CBA); Golez, Felipe (CED); Rezaei, Ali (CED); Freesemann, Keith (CHHS); Kreysa, Peter (CHHS); Li, Guotong (CLA); Muller, Markus (CLA); Slowinski, Kris (CNSM); Beyer, Christiane (COE); Dunagan, Colleen (COTA); Richesson, Robin (COTA/CEPC); Ramachandran, Hemalatha (LIB); Travis, Tiffini (LIB); Mahoney, Lynn (Academic Affairs); McPherson, Mary (GE Coordinator); Fenton, Gayle (UCUA); Soriano, Jorge (ASI); Eldon, Beth (CNSM); Mizelle, Brett (CLA); Nomura, Wendy (CHHS); Rae-Espinoza, Heather (CLA); Shehab, Tariq (COE)

Membership Resignation/Changes: Keith Freesemann (CHHS) resignation; Grace Reynolds (CHHS) for Keith Freesemann (CHHS) for Spring 2014 semester only; Gayle Fenton (ADV) retirement/resignation

Membership Replacement: none

Membership Liaison: Richesson, Robin (CEPC)

Officers: Peter Kreysa, Chair; Keith Freesemann, Vice Chair (Changed to Heather Rae-Espinoza after Keith Freesemann resignation); Heather Rae-Espinoza, Secretary (rotating after Heather Rae-Espinoza elected to Vice Chair)

Executive Committee: Peter Kreysa, Chair; Keith Freesemann Vice Chair; Heather Rae-Espinoza, Secretary; Lynn Mahoney, AVP-Academic Affairs; Mary McPherson (GE Coordinator)

Matters Reported to the Senate: 1) Vacant Seats or alternates on GEGC with request to Senate Chair and Nominating Committee for replacements.

Actions taken by the Committee / Council:

488, E E 489, E T 460, E T 494, E T 494L, MAE 390, MAE 471, MAE 472, MAE 478,
MAE 479, NRSG 402, NRSG 452, NRSG 453, NRSG 454, A/ST 200, A/ST 309, HIST 349, RUSS
100, RUSS 200, ITAL 101, ITAL 201, FREN 101, FREN 201, ART 333, THEA 327, LING 329, A/ST
100, A/ST 320, HIST 170, HDEV 320

2) Reclassification of Existing Courses in GE Approved: GEOG 313, GEOG 314, GEOG 315, GEOG
321, GEOG 355, I/ST 355, A/ST 336, HDEV 357, LING 363

3) Decertification of Existing Courses in GE: None

4) Transfer Human Diversity Courses: a) Reviewed/Approved transfer courses for human
diversity credit: None

5) GE Course Proposal Reviewed/No approval:

BIOL 412 and BIOL 447 referred back to the Department due to being an undergraduate and
graduate course (not eligible for GE review).

KOR 202 referred back to the department due to needing to submit additional documents in
order to proceed with review.

Internal Proceedings / Discussion Occurred: 1) GWAR/GEGC Partnership, numerous discussion
with Linda Sarbo to continue discussing integrating the new Writing Intensive Capstones and
GWAR requirements. 2) Discussion regarding the critical thinking GE requirement considering
being embedded in the College of Engineering majors. In addition, students would fulfill their
critical thinking requirement upon completing the major. 3) Discussion regarding the
Chancellor’s Office mandate to bring all majors to 120 units. Recommendations were brought
forth from the Curriculum Task Force to be discussed including reducing the amount of units
students must take for GE. Category E: Life Long Learning and Self Development was one of the
categories suggested to amend to help reduce majors to 120 units. 4) Discussion regarding the
implementation of General Education themes.

Presentation / Reports Received: 1) Presentation by Dhusy Sathianathan on Critical Thinking
embedded in the College of Engineering. 2) Presentation by David Wallace on the
implementation of General Education themes campus wide.

Miscellaneous:

Issues / Recommendations to the Academic Senate: None at this time.