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**General Education Governing Committee**

**Minutes**

April 25, 2016

2:00pm – 4:00pm – President’s Office, Conference Room, BH-302

Please notify a member of the GEGC Executive Committee (Heather.Rae-Espinoza@csulb.edu, Danny.Paskin@csulb.edu, Grace.Reynolds@csulb.edu or Vanessa.Red@csulb.edu) if you are unable to attend.

Attending Members: Chen, Ming (CBA); Dunagan, Colleen (COTA); Eldon, Beth (CNSM); Estrada, Gabriel (CLA); Hempel-Lamer, Nele (AA); Keely, Beth (CHHS); McPherson, Mary (CLA); Newberger, Florence (CNSM); Paskin, Danny (CLA); Rae-Espinoza, Heather (CLA); Ramachandran, Hema (LIB); Reynolds, Grace (CHHS); Sittler Schrock, Rebecca (COTA); Travis, Tiffini (LIB)

Absent Members: Jackson, Duan (UCUA); Piker, Ruth (CED); Salazar, Jose Luis (ASI); Shehab, Tariq (COE); Wu, Xiaolong (COE)

Excused Members: Carlos-Marquez, Alfredo (CLA); Thompson, Danny (CED)

1. Call to Order – 2:02pm
2. Approval of Agenda – add additional items, FIL 201 & 202 – unanimously approved with additions
3. Approval of Minutes: GEGC Minutes posted on BeachBoard – unanimously approved
4. Announcements
	1. No updates from the following tabled courses: AIS/FEA 450, A/ST 315, CLA/HHS 296, ENGR/NSCI 296, PHIL 156, and CHLS 375. Updates available for JOUR 104 on BeachBoard.
	2. Writing Intensive capstones and GWAR requirements will be in effect for the fall 2016 for students registering with us including new transfer students. This requirement has impacted current students who wanted to register for a writing intensive course in the fall but were prevented from doing so due to not meeting the prerequisites. It has been decided on the departmental level that continuing students can be permitted into these courses. The new transfers may not be permitted.
5. GE Status Reports
	1. Proposal to add Information Literacy to Advanced Skills Category
		1. The committee feels that maybe information literacy would be better fitted with Writing Intensive than Advanced Skills. Almost all of the courses approved under the Writing Intensive category have some form of information literacy already embedded in them.
		2. There was discussion about how we have a deficit of courses that include information literacy and we are looking for a meaningful way to increase this essential skill.
		3. Suggestion for the committee next year – have an ad hoc committee to look at essential skills.
		4. In favor: 4; Opposed: 6 – not approved
	2. Update from Mary McPherson on GE Report
		1. Mary provided an update of the number of capstone courses that incorporate the WASC core competencies. This also included a percentage of the GE category courses that incorporate the competencies.
6. Tabled Courses
	* 1. AIS/FEA 450: American Indian and Indigenous Cinema – **Tabled on 10/12/15 – No updates available**
			1. Posted on BeachBoard/GE Course Proposals Fall 2015, AY 2015-2016
			2. New to General Education
			3. Request for Explorations: The Arts; Human Diversity
			4. Discussion available on 10/12/15 minutes
		2. A/ST 315: Modern Korea – **Tabled on 10/26/15 – No updates available**
			1. Posted on BeachBoard/GE Course Proposals Fall 2015, AY 2015-2016
			2. New to General Education
			3. Request for Explorations: Social Sciences & Citizenship; Global Issues
			4. Discussion available on 10/26/15 minutes
		3. CLA/HHS 296: Introduction to (Behavioral) Research Methods **-Tabled on 1/25/16 – No updates available**
			1. Posted on BeachBoard/GE Course Proposals Fall 2015, AY 2015-2016
			2. New to General Education
			3. Request for Explorations: Life Sciences No Lab
			4. Discussion available on 1/25/16 minutes
		4. ENGR/NSCI 296: Introduction to Biomedical Research Methods - **Tabled 2/8/16 – No updates available**
			1. Posted on BeachBoard/GE Course Proposals Fall 2015, AY 2015-2016
			2. New to General Education
			3. Request for Explorations: Life Sciences No Lab
			4. Discussion available on 2/8/16 minutes
		5. PHIL 156: Philosophy of Rock, Rap and Beyond – **Tabled for HD 3/14/16 – No updates available**
			1. Posted on BeachBoard/GE Course Proposals Fall 2015, AY 2015-2016
			2. New to General Education
			3. Request for Explorations: The Arts; Human Diversity
			4. Discussion available on 3/14/16 minutes
		6. CHLS 375: Latinas and the Prison System: A Comparative Perspective – **Tabled 3/14/16 – No updates available**
			1. Posted on BeachBoard/GE Course Proposals Fall 2015, AY 2015-2016
			2. New to General Education
			3. Request for Capstone: Interdisciplinary
			4. Discussion available on 3/14/16 minutes
		7. JOUR 104: Social Media Communications – **Approved 4/25/16**
			1. Posted on BeachBoard/GE Course Proposals Fall 2015, AY 2015-2016
			2. New to General Education
			3. Request for Explorations: Lifelong Learning & Self Development
			4. Discussion:
				1. Clarification for the parts of the SCO that address Oral Communication as a GE designation can be ignored for now because the department is not requesting that GE designation. Originally, the department initially included Oral Communication but it was tabled at the college level and there will be a bigger discussion about this issue. The committee would like to have that portion of the SCO removed.
				2. Recommendations: references to oral communication should be removed, essential skills for oral communication should be more direct
			5. Motion to table – with one abstention
			6. Discussion – 4/25/16
				1. Revisions that were made included all mention on oral communication as well as simplifying the SCO and clarifying the lifelong learning and self development category.
			7. Motion to approve – unanimously approved
7. Course Reviews
	1. New Business
		1. FIL 201: Intermediate Filipino **– Tabled 4/25/16**
			1. Posted on BeachBoard/GE Course Proposals Fall 2015, AY 2015-2016
			2. New to General Education
			3. Request for Explorations: Humanities-Foreign Language
			4. See discussion below – FIL 201 and 202
		2. FIL 202: Intermediate Filipino**– Tabled 4/25/16**
			1. Posted on BeachBoard/GE Course Proposals Fall 2015, AY 2015-2016
			2. New to General Education
			3. Request for Explorations: Humanities-Foreign Language
			4. Discussion:
				1. The committee is finding it hard to find the essential skills in the SCO. There is information about Global Learning, but there is no information about Lifelong Learning
			5. Recommendations: better integrate the essential skills within the SCO
			6. Motion to table
		3. SCED 404: The Nature of Science and Scientific Reasoning **– Approved with Recommendations 4/25/16**
			1. Posted on BeachBoard/GE Course Proposals Fall 2015, AY 2015-2016
			2. New to General Education
			3. Request for Capstone: Writing Intensive
			4. Discussion:
				1. The committee discussed the following concerns: the SCO does not include 5000 words, only checked one primary essential skill (but they seem to include a description of critical thinking in the document).
			5. Recommendation: Need to include 5000 words in SCO, one more primary essential skill – suggest moving critical thinking from secondary to primary
			6. Motion to approve with recommendations – unanimously approved
		4. HDEV 307: Approaches to Childhood **– Approved 4/25/16**
			1. Posted on BeachBoard/GE Course Proposals Fall 2015, AY 2015-2016
			2. Existing to General Education
			3. Request to continue Social Sciences & Citizenship, Lifelong Learning & Self Development, Capstone: Interdisciplinary
			4. Request to add Global Issues
			5. Discussion:
				1. The committee was questioning why the course needs so many GE designations – the department is working to decertify some of their D2 requirements, so they want to clean up their curriculum because they have an Adulthood course that is Human Diversity and they want to address Global within this Childhood course.
				2. For the essential skills this course is required to have four primary skills due to the GE designations chosen for the course.
				3. The committee would like to see the bibliography include the theories to separate each of the books.
			6. Motion to approve – unanimously approved
		5. PHIL 351: Political Philosophy**– Approved 4/25/16**
			1. Posted on BeachBoard/GE Course Proposals Fall 2015, AY 2015-2016
			2. Existing to General Education
			3. Request to continue Humanities: Philosophy, Capstone: Interdisciplinary
			4. Request to add Capstone: Writing Intensive
			5. Discussion:
				1. This course was previously sent to the GEGC, but they never provided any updates back to the committee. The department was asked to resubmit the course again to the committee. They have clearly made all changes and it meets the Writing Intensive category.
			6. Motion to approve – unanimously approved
8. Elect next year’s chair, vice chair, and secretary
	1. Chair election:
		1. Nominations: Danny Paskin
		2. Unanimously approved
	2. Vice Chair election:
		1. Nominations: Grace Reynolds
		2. Unanimously approved
	3. Secretary election:
		1. Nominations: Ruth Piker
		2. Unanimously approved
9. Adjournment