

**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); Freeseemann, 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 Freeseemann (CHHS) resignation; Grace Reynolds (CHHS) for Keith Freeseemann (CHHS) for Spring 2014 semester only; Gayle Fenton (ADV) retirement/resignation

**Membership Replacement:** none

**Membership Liaison:** Richesson, Robin (CEPC)

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

**Executive Committee:** Peter Kreysa, Chair; Keith Freeseemann 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:**

- 1) New Courses to GE Approved: ART 311, CAFF 427, CWL 205, DESN 268, DESN 368, DESN 369, EDLD 310, HFHM 370, HRM 458, H SC 440, JOUR 311, NUTR 339, THEA 221, THEA 222, UNIV 301, CH E 470, C E 426, C E 490, CECS 490A, CECS 490B, CECS 491A, CECS 491B, CECS 492A, CECS 492B, CECS 493A, CECS 493B, CEM 490, E E 400D, E E 447, E E 458, E E 471, E E

488, E E 489, E T 460, E T 460L, E T 494, E T 494L, MAE 390, MAE 471, MAE 472, MAE 478, MAE 479, NRSNG 402, NRSNG 452, NRSNG 453, NRSNG 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) GEAR/GEGC Partnership, numerous discussion with Linda Sarbo to continue discussing integrating the new Writing Intensive Capstones and GEAR 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 Dhury 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.