



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

General Education Governing Committee

Minutes - Approved

September 24, 2018

2:00pm – 4:00pm – USU-202 (Newport Beach Room)

Members Present: Kenji Klein (CBA), Ruth Piker (CED), Peter Kreysa (CHHS), Cheryl Rock (Secretary, CHHS), Danny Paskin (**GE Coordinator**, CLA), David Shafer (CLA), Mark Williams (CLA), Elizabeth Eldon (**Vice Chair**, CNSM), Birgit Penzenstadler (COE), Colleen Dunagan (COTA), Josh Palkki (COTA), Tiffini Travis (**Chair**, UL), Hemalatha Ramachandran (UL), David Keele (CHHS), AA) and Duan Jackson (Director, UCUA), Emely Lopez (Student Representative, ASI) and Cody Arnold (Advising Training Coordinator, UCUA)

Guests Present: Jennifer Ostergren (Associate Dean-CHHS), Dan O'Connor (Associate Dean of Liberal Arts) and Norbert Schürer (Chair, Academic Senate)

Excused: Jose Moreno (CLA) and Kerry Johnson (Vice Provost, Dean Undergraduate Studies), Omer Benli (CBA)

Absent: Edwin Achola (CED), Michael Schramm (CNSM), Chris Najer (CBA), Daniel Whisler (COE)

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm

II. Approval of Agenda - **APPROVED**

- A motion (m) was made and unanimously approved by the members
- The motion was seconded
- No abstentions were made on the agenda items
- Section E was added to discuss the senate task force

III. Approval of Minutes: GEGC Minutes from 9-10-18 posted on BeachBoard - **APPROVED**

- Changes were editorial.

IV. Announcements/Discussions

A. Revised GEAR form

- i. The option for selection of the F category will be removed from the GEAR form as GE is transitioning to the 2018 pattern and will no longer be approving courses for the F category
- ii. The option for UD B will be added
- iii. Cody is updating the features on the GEAR form while figuring out the coding that Jonathan used from the software he used to upgrade the current GEAR form

B. Revised Checklist

- i. The language has been clarified based on the feedback provided by the committee from the 09-10-2018 meeting

C. Moratorium

i. The UD B courses

Due to the moratorium, to accommodate the workload of the GEGC committee, it was reiterated that the GEGC would not be assessing any proposals for GE certification except for the following types of courses:

- all new upper-division Area B courses*
- including already existing courses that are now requesting GE certification in Area B, and
- including courses with major-specific requirements, as long as there are sufficient numbers of other courses for students to take in Area B

ii. Changing UD E to low or repositioning GE certified courses

- all current upper-division courses in Area E that are eligible to be considered for Areas B-UD C-UD, and D-UD
- all current upper-division courses in Area E that are proposed to be turned into lower-division courses in Area E; and
- all courses designed to fulfill EO1110

iii. Moving F category to areas that are not going away

- all current courses in Area F that are eligible to be considered for Areas B-UD C-UD, or D-UD (i.e., upper-division courses in Areas B, C, or D)

D. Review of E courses moving to lower division

- Tiffini the GEGC committee chair sought the general committee's approval with regards to how courses in the E category that is just shifting to a lower category.
- The question was asked if the proposals should just be reviewed by the exec without going through the general committee as the content is not changing
- A motion (m) was made for the exec committee to review UD course -> LD with no content change.
- The motion was seconded (s) and unanimously approved by the GEGC members
- No abstentions were made on the vote - **APPROVED**

E. Ad Hoc CTE of Academic Senate Task Force

- It was mentioned that over the summer an ad hoc committee worked on the draft of the GEGR and was constituted by chairs of GEGC and CEPC committees as a function of the academic senate
- Furthermore, it was stated that in the constitution by function the exec made a conscious decision and did not affirm the representation of other colleges which resulted with them being unsatisfied with the decision and interpreted it as exclusionary and requested that a new adhoc committee is formed
- Based on this objection, the senate approved the motion and as a result a new adhoc committee was formed and supposed to provide feed back by Oct 4.
- The notion is that the GEGC have enough representation from every college within the university and so can still continue to provide feed back to the draft to sustain a continuum of the review
- It was elaborated that there was no intent to exclude anyone as the GEGR policy was just a draft, and an apology was made to any voices (i.e., colleges/representatives) that were

left out as the GEGR were using the survey that was obtained from a university wide survey that was conducted in Spring 2018

- This new adhoc have an option of writing a new policy with the short timeline

V. Current Business:

A. New Courses for Review

B. HFHM 370 Exploring a sustainable food system: **APPROVED pending recommendations with review by Executive Committee**

1. Course GEAR and SCO Forms on BeachBoard

2. Continuing: Service Learning (F) & Writing Intensive (F)

3. Request for Social Sciences & Citizenship (D.2)

- A motion (m) was made to be approved the discussion of HFHM 370 proposal, the motion was seconded (s) and approved (a) to discussion
 - The D category was clearly spelled out
 - A committee member was seeking for more details in the SLO #3 as it pertained to the identification of justice which seems too Utopian referenced to Page 2 in the proposal
 - The committee would like to see a better explanation of the D2 category in the document
 - An exploration pre req should be added as a suggestion
 - Some committee members mentioned that Food justice needs to explain more as it was not related to GE Requirement
 - Since the class is also designated as a writing intensive a bibliography for writing be more extensive and was thought to be vaguely represented in the proposal
- A motion (m) was made to approve the proposal, pending with recommendations to be reviewed by the exec committee to (1) add the prereqs and (2) to elaborate more on the Food Justice and add the bibliography and reference
 - The motion was seconded (s) and unanimously approved (UA) by the GEGC members
 - No abstentions were made on the vote

C. MATH 303 Reflection in Space and Time - **APPROVED pending recommendations with review by Executive Committee**

1. Course GEAR and SCO Forms on BeachBoard

2. Continuing: Interdisciplinary (F) & Writing Intensive (F)

3. Request for Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B.2)

- A motion (m) was made to be approved the discussion of MATH 303 proposal, the motion was seconded (s) and approved (a) to discussion
- The GEAR signatures will be updated due to the short turn around. This is a new practice for the review of GE proposals that have been discussed previously and returning for a second review.
- It was a general consensus of the committee that the SCO needs to be clarified to make the proposal more coherent as the SLOs were not written in a way that is measurable/Blooms taxonomy verbs needs to be emphasized.

- c. Linking the SLOs to the assessments on page 9 would be essential to the clarity of the proposal and relevance to the essential skills
- 4. A motion (m) was made to approve the proposal, pending with recommendations to be reviewed by the exec committee to (1) work with Danny on the SCO and its organization as the content was there but scattered.
 - a. The motion was seconded (s) and unanimously approved by the GEGC members
 - b. No abstentions were made on the vote

D. MATH 309 Complexity and emergence- **APPROVED pending recommendations with review by Executive Committee**

- 1. **Course GEAR and SCO forms on BeachBoard**
- 2. **Continuing: Interdisciplinary (F) & Writing Intensive (F)**
- 3. **Request for Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B.2)**
 - a. The committee commented that 17 SLOs were a lot to assess.
 - b. On the other hand it was not actually 17 SCO, the proposal was just poorly formatted.
- 4. A motion (m) was made to approve the proposal, pending with recommendations to be reviewed by the exec committee to (1) work with Danny on the SCO and its organization as the content was there but scattered as for MATH 303.
 - c. The motion was seconded (s) and unanimously approved (UA) by the GEGC members
 - d. No abstentions were made on the vote

ii. DANC 342 Global Cultures and Dance Traditions – **TABLED**

- 1. Course GEAR and SCO Forms on BeachBoard
- 2. Continuing: Interdisciplinary (F) and Global Issues
- 3. Request for The Arts (C.1)

E. Draft GEGR Policy (Time certain 3pm)

- o Definition of critical thinking and the SLOs will be created for the categories
- o Tiffini will make this document available to the committee
- o A question was asked how close it was to the LEAP
- o The issue at hand is adding or subtract from the GEGR draft
- o Many challenges in the GE subject areas are being forced because the SLOs are not very prescriptive
- o It was asked to color code the GEGR draft to ascertain which language came from EO language
- o It was asked “How much of the EO can be changed?” Response “The executive EO cannot be changed”
- o However, it was established that if there was indeed a change not related to the EO, unanimity must occur
- o They are 3 campus specific WI, Global, Diversity for GEGR campus specific graduation requirements. The survey indicates that these were valuable and that

they are important enough to keep in the curriculum and that the EO does not cover these things. Would these delay graduation?

- Its difficult to advise especially high unit majors
- The Upper Divison F is going away so it's complicating the issue, which makes the load
- It was mentioned that the department in their own curriculum committees and the EO is streamline and modify

VI. Future Business:

- First hour, the GEGC Proposals will be discussed
- Second hour, the GEGR Policy will be discussed and vote on the draft policies

VII. **Adjournment:** 4:01 pm

VIII.

Future Agenda/Discussion Items

GEGC Meeting Dates

Location: **USU-202 (Newport Beach Room)** *Except 9/10 and 5/13 in **USU-306**

September 10*, 24

October 8, 22

November 26

December 10