

**California State University, Long Beach  
General Education Governing Committee (GEGC)**

**2015-2016 Organizational Meeting Minutes**

September 14, 2015

**2:00-4:00p.m. / AS-125**

**Please notify Vanessa Red at [Vanessa.Red@csulb.edu](mailto:Vanessa.Red@csulb.edu) if you are unable to attend.**

Attending members: Carlos-Marquez, Alfredo (CLA); Chen, Ming (CBA); Dunagan, Colleen (COTA); Eldon, Beth (CNSM); Estrada, Gabriel (CLA); Hempel-Lamer, Nele (AA); McPherson, Mary (CLA); Paskin, Danny (CLA); Piker, Ruth (CED); Rae-Espinoza, Heather (CLA); Reynolds, Grace (CHHS); Thompson, Danny (CED)

Absent members: Jackson, Duan (UCUA); Newberger, Florence (CNSM); Ramachandran, Hema (LIB); Shehab, Tariq (COE); ASI Representative; Travis, Tiffini (LIB); Wu, Xiaolong (COE)

Excused members: Sittler-Schrock, Rebecca (COTA); Keely, Beth (CHHS); Nguyen, ThucDoan (CBA)

- I. Call to Order: 2:05pm
- II. Approval of Agenda – unanimously approved
- III. Introductions
  - New members: Alfredo Carlos-Marquez (CLA); Ruth Pike (CED); Rebecca Sittler-Schrock (COTA); Danny Thompson (CED)
- IV. Brief discussion of the GEGC Charge.
  - [http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/grad\\_undergrad/senate/councils/epc/subcommittee/gegc/charge/](http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/grad_undergrad/senate/councils/epc/subcommittee/gegc/charge/) - Some of the items need to be updated. The GEGC chair can work with Academic Senate to have these items updated.
- V. Elections
  - a. Chair: Duties include chairing the meeting, review courses before they come to the committee, following up with departments upon a decision from the committee.
    - a. Nominations: Heather Rae-Espinoza
    - b. Heather Rae-Espinoza elected by acclamation.
  - b. Vice Chair: Duties include chairing the meeting if the chair is unavailable.
    - a. Nominations: Danny Paskin
    - b. Danny Paskin elected by acclamation.

- c. Secretary: Duties include reviewing the minutes.
  - a. Nominations: Grace Reynolds
  - b. Grace Reynolds elected by acclamation

VI. New Business

- a. GEGC Meeting Schedule for AY 2014-2105
  - Fall 2015: September 14, September 28, October 12, October 26, November 9, ~~November 23~~ (cancelled due to Thanksgiving break), December 14 (Tentative date)
  - Spring 2016: (January 25 - possible date if we have a backlog of courses), February 8, February 22, March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25, May 9
- b. GEGC Meeting Room: President's Conference Room, BH-302
- c. Ethnic Studies Task Force Proposal:
  - <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/u2hbvtch15rsrux/AAAgpuyXuppJkg3XBwxmYPhla?dl=0>
  - This task force started at CSULB, but then was taken over by the Chancellor's Office. It is asking for input from faculty to see if they agree with the report or have issues.
  - Discussion:
    - i. The report seems to have a direct impact on GE and changing the GE policy to include ethnic studies courses by adding another category.
    - ii. There is a concern about adding another category when we are trying to reduce the amount of units students have to take.
    - iii. Some members feel that our Human Diversity category should be revamped to include more ethnic studies courses instead of creating an entirely new category. Additionally, it would be beneficial to encourage Ethnic Studies courses to apply for Writing Intensive or Global categories.
    - iv. Through the Long Beach Unified collaboration project, they are planning to teach ethnic studies courses in the high school to bring this information to younger students earlier.
    - v. Committee member is concerned that intersectionality of diversity is not present in this proposal. Would like to see more diversity within the ethnic studies.
    - vi. This proposal is more limiting.
    - vii. One recommendation on the proposal is to have Ethnic Studies courses only taught by Ethnic Studies faculty.

We as a university have tried to move away from having one discipline only teaching their own discipline.

- viii. Overall the committee feels that there are issues with this proposal and it will affect the GE policy. The committee's recommendation includes encompassing ethnic studies within Human Diversity as well as all of GE because we cannot support adding an additional 3 units to the GE policy.

VII. Adjournment: 3:17pm

VIII. Future Agenda/Discussion Items

- a. GE course proposal reviews pending: 9
- b. GE course proposals can be found on BeachBoard under GE Course Proposals for AY 2015-2016 in the Fall 2015 Pending Review folder.