

University General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2016

3:30 p.m.

HCC 413

Present: Nicole Crowder (CAS; chair), Belleh Fontem (CoB), Farhang Rouhani (CAS), Jason Sellers (CAS; secretary), Jennifer Walker (CoE); Tim O'Donnell (ex officio), Brian Ogle (ex officio), Debra Schleef (ex officio)

Not present: Rita Dunston (ex officio), John Morello (ex officio)

Meeting began: 3:34pm

1. Minutes from September 12, 2016—approved with amendment to identify the course (CPSC 219) approved for Quantitative Reasoning
2. Courses for re-evaluation—prefaced with a brief reminder this committee can review for General Education requirement fulfillment, not course equivalency (some requests have been submitted with both forms)
 - a. Blaire Persell – for QR
 - i. Approved.
 - b. Alexander (Xander) Fulton – for QR
 - i. Approved.
 - c. Taylor Ostrom – for CHEM-120 – NS
 - i. Approved.
 - d. Taylor Ostrom – for CHEM-121 – NS
 - i. Approved.
 - e. Kristopher Hiser – for HES
 - i. Denied. Student did not offer explanations. Student has also already met requirement—review degree evaluation.
3. Issues with HES – Although it has been in the academic catalog since 2012, it has come to my attention that there is not a widespread awareness of the change in the requirements for the two courses for the HES general education requirement (see committee minutes from September 2011, posted on UFC website and our Canvas page).
 - a. Inconsistency between academic catalog and posted curriculum on our UFC website
 - i. SACC requires students to take a Social Science to meet this requirement
 - b. Change in Banner Degree Evaluation parameters –
 - i. When was this change made?
 1. Implemented in Banner Summer 2016
 - ii. Statements from affected students
 1. At least one student had earlier printed Degree Evaluations showing the requirement as satisfied
 2. Approved exceptions for both requests considered today (Max Taylor, Mitchell Greenwood)

- c. Re-evaluation of courses that count as social sciences
 - i. Pertained to WGST course one affected student cited as a substitute Social Science, but committee concluded WGST classes' suitability varies by instructor, inappropriate to review and approve WGST courses at this time
 - d. Future actions
 - i. Students/advisors should bring their case to the Registrar and explain why it's a hardship to take another class to fulfill, and/or make the case for a substitute (e.g. a WGST class that is substantially based in a Social Science)
 - ii. Faculty advisors should notify Registrar and affected students immediately if they see this issue
 - 1. Committee (in conjunction with the Registrar) will send a general email to all faculty before the Advising Period alerting them to this issue
 - 2. Cases raised prior to the 11/7 meeting and which affect advising the committee will consider electronically
4. Updating General Education Course List
- a. What data do we need?
 - i. Identify courses not being taught regularly, at least once in last 4 years.
 - b. What should our policy be for removing courses from the list?
 - i. Needs to have been taught at least once in the last 4 years by regular (not adjunct) faculty; students should have a reasonable expectation of taking a listed course during their academic career.
5. Additional business
- a. Gen Ed Committee will get a report from the digital fluency in December for early feedback on its proposals

Meeting adjourned: 4:23pm

Next meeting: November 7th at 3:30 in HCC 413