

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of October 21, 2013

Present: Karla Davis-Salazar (chair), Miriam
e, Scott Rimbey, Stephan Schindler, Thomas Williams (for
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ge), Janet Moore (UGS), Sue RiCharde (UGS), Kevin Yee (ATLE)

he meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.

- Proposers should decide the best dimension for their courses, rather than GEC imposing yet another regulation. If they select WLS, the GEC will review it as a separate dimension.
- Some were in favor of “anything” with WLS, as our students badly need improvement in this area.
- How do we ensure that the instructor will pay attention to this WLS process? Teaching writing skills is not the same as recognizing writing quality. GEC can use the course recertification process to look more closely at WRIN/WLS.
- No other university in the SUS has a university-wide CPST requirement for 6 hours such as USF’s. We should avoid adding hours to our students’ requirements when there is a big push to get them through to graduation more quickly.
- There was discussion regarding the original formation of CPST/WRIN courses to ensure that transfer students took two FKL core curriculum courses in the upper level emphasizing FKL dimensions as part of their USF degree. The CPST/WRIN courses also allow the student to experience academics outside of their discipline.
- There was a suggestion to rewrite the WLS dimension description. GEC could look at the 20 WRIN courses with WLS as their third dimension to provide guidance in rewriting the WLS description.
- There was a suggestion to use writing rubrics to assess process writing, when reviewing WRIN/WLS courses for recertification. One rubric to consider for such could be MyReviewer, developed and working successfully for the FYC unit.

5. Recertifications

a. Under review (new)

- i. ANT 4241 Anthropology of Religion (WRIN: HCD, ETP) **TABLED**
- ii. ANT 4401 Exploring Cross-Cultural Diversity (CPST: HCD, GLC) **APPROVED (ONE OPPOSED) pending changes to syllabi regarding FKL statements and learning outcomes**
- iii. EVT 4651 Equity in Schools and the Workplace (CPST: ETP) **TO BE RETURNED**
- iv. GEB 4890 Strategic Management and Decision Making (CPST: ETP, IRD) **TO BE RETURNED**
- v. HIS 3938 Major Issues in History (CPST: HHCP, HCD) **TO BE RETURNED**
- vi. LIT 3155 Twentieth-Century Literature (WRIN: WLS) **TABLED**
- vii. LIT 3374 The Bible as Literature (WRIN: WLS) **TABLED**
- viii. LIT 3451 Literature and the Occult (WRIN: WLS) **TABLED**

6. New Course Proposals

a. Under Review (new)

- i. PSY 4974 Honors Seminar in Psychology (Second Semester) (WRIN: SCP) **APPROVED**

b. Under Review (resubmit)

- i. QMB 3150 Business Honors Advanced Statistics (CAQR: SCP, QUL) **TABLED**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m. The next GEC meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2013.