Members present: Allen, Anderson, Brown, Brumfield, Carroll, Duffy, Fabiano, Feather, Harris Houk, Hawes, McCall, Newman, Pettazzoni, Sopper, and Zarecki

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2014  Motion to approve minutes. (Newman, Feather). Minutes approved as written.

II. New Course Proposals

ART 123 Introduction to Visual Art Practices, requesting GFA category designation
BLS 327 Contemporary Asian Literature, requesting GN marker
BLS 381 Old Europe / New Europe, requesting GL marker
AFS 260 Understanding Race, requesting GSB category designation
LLC 130 Global Green: Cultures of Production and Consumption, requesting GLT category designation, and GN marker
PCS 309 Conflict and Culture, requesting GN marker
CED 393 Adult Violence and Victimization, requesting GSB category designation (this is a new course and is on UCC agenda 10.3.14)

ART 123 - Sub-committee recommends approval of GFA category designation, motion to approve (Anderson, Carroll). Motion approved
AFS 260 – Sub-committee recommends approval of GSB category designation, motion to approve (Newman, Anderson). Motion approved.
LLC 130 – Sub-Committee recommends approval of GLT category designation and GN marker, motion to approve (Carroll, Feather). Motion approved.
BLS 327 – Sub-committee recommends non approval of GN marker, need to resubmit request using new form, provide updated summary with an emphasis on the SLOs, rather than LGs and link SLOs on syllabus, motion to accept sub-committee recommendation (Fabiano, Anderson). Motion approved.
BLS 381 – Sub-committee recommends non approval of GL marker, need to resubmit using new form, provide updated summary with an emphasis on the SLOs rather than LGs, and link SLOs on syllabus, motion to accept sub-committee recommendation (Carroll, Newman). Motion approved.
PCS 309 – This is a resubmission, previously approved pending revised syllabus. Sub-committee recommends approve pending, need an updated syllabus using SLOs rather than LGs, motion to approve pending resubmission of revised syllabus (Fabiano, McCall). Motion approved
CED 393 – Sub-committee recommends resubmission of proposal with an updated summary, use SLOs rather than LGs. No action required, as course is pending UCC approval. Chair will send detailed information to department regarding the proposals.

III. Revised GNS Student Learning Outcomes

Chair reviewed new GNS SLOs:
(1) Demonstrate an understanding of the process of scientific inquiry (i.e. the “scientific method”). (LG1, LG2)
(2) Demonstrate knowledge of basic scientific principles. (LG2)
(3) Analyze qualitative and quantitative empirical data. (LG1)

Motion to forward resolution to Faculty Senate (Brown, Feather). Motion approved.

IV. Suitability of BLS courses for General Education categories and markers

Chair reminded council members BLS program is requesting several Gen Ed category designations, which are differ from Gen Ed markers. Category designations must be at the 100, 200, or 300 levels and “Be open to all undergraduate students regardless of major”. Discussion followed concerning accessibility of all students regardless of major. BLS program is restricted to juniors and seniors; could this issue be resolved with the new registration guidelines? If BLS courses receive Gen Ed categories, do they then have to open courses to all students, regardless of class year, or are we OK with courses carrying Gen Ed categories that are restricted to class year? This could possibly defeat the purpose of General Education. Jodi Pettazzoni advised the accessibility statement is directly connected to the SACSCOC requirements that Gen Ed courses do not narrowly focus on skills, knowledge, techniques, that are specific to the major. Discussion continued, these BLS courses are upper level courses, specific to the major, restricted to juniors and seniors, would opening to all class years change class dynamic? Suggestion that BLS program create 200 level Gen Ed courses. Concern that the courses are upper level major courses used to fulfill the upper level major requirement, in theory the courses would be more advanced for the major. Motion to consider BLS (or other online degree completion) courses for General Education category designation, provided that they are open to all undergraduate students, regardless of class year or major, with the recommendation that they work with the Registrar’s office to create an enrollment management plan (Brown, Anderson). Motion approved. Chair will notify BLS program.
V. Update on the VALUE Rubric Pilot program

Terry Brumfield advised Value Rubric pilot is taking place this fall, will use one of three Value Rubrics. There are thirteen faculty involved:

1. Information Literacy – 3 GL/GN faculty
2. Critical Thinking – 6 GRD faculty
3. Written Communication – 4 faculty

The Assessment sub-committee met and finalized email and instruction to go to piloting faculty, continuing work from calibration workshop (Ashley Finley). Terry will share data from workshop. Still no response from April 2014 Power Point presentation, need to look at other options.

UNC GA GEC update, discussion of adopting four operating principles for the development and use of the ETS test. Still discussing pedagogical usefulness, use of data, training, etc. Five ETS workshops will be offered across the state. October 17, is the next meeting, will be video conference, and possibly open to faculty? Field test will take place spring 2015 and implementation will be fall 2015. This will be in conjunction with e-portfolio project.

VI. Electing Chair of General Education Council

Chair encouraged council to review Gen Ed section in the Curriculum Guide, currently chair must come from the College of Arts and Sciences. It would be helpful to have a chair elect to shadow current chair. Rotation schedule could result in new chair without having served on Gen Ed Council. Please keep this in mind, council will discuss at a later meeting.

Motion to adjourn (Newman, McCall).
Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.