THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO
GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 23, 2016
2:00 – 3:30 PM • 1607 Moore Humanities and Research Administration Building

Members Present: Bender, Bolte for Ali, Brumfield, Car lone, Erovenko, Harris Houk, Henline, Lennartson, McCall, Newman, Pettazzoni, Poole, Schunk, Stephens, and Terranova

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Approval of Minutes from September 2, 2016 – Approved (Terranova, Schunk)

II. Old Business
ENT/BUS 338 Global Franchising – requesting GL marker. No action, Chair will contact

Sub Committee Assignments: Amy Harris Houk will serve as SLEC representative John Poole will serve on the New Course Proposal Sub Committee, currently, there is no Chair for this committee, David will assist with this committee.

III. New Course Approvals
ENG 205 Literature and Social Sciences – requesting GLT category designation (new course approved by UCC 9/9/16) Motion to Approve GLT designation (Terranova, Bender)

ENG 290 The Rhetoric of Social Movements – requesting GL marker (new course approved by UCC 9/9/16) Motion to Approve Pending (Terranova, McCall) revision of SLOs, GL SLOs should be stated verbatim.

ENG 304 History and Theory of Rhetoric – requesting GHP category designation (new course approved by UCC 9/9/16) Motion to Table (Terranova, McCall) need a more thorough rationale linking assignments to the GEC SLOs.

GER 221 Sagas, Legends, Fairy Tales: The Grimms’ Fairy Tales in Their European Context – requesting GLT category designation. Motion to Approve Pending (Poole, Harris Houk) clarification- which specific assignments link to which SLOs, and how those assignments will help students achieve and demonstrate the SLOs.

PSC 101 Politics in a Digital World – requesting GSB category designation and GL marker (new course approved by UCC 9/9/16). Motion to Table (Poole, Terranova) need clarification of GL request, and a more thorough rationale / link to GSB category.
IV. Recertification
GHP SLOs reaffirmed by GHP Ad Hoc Recertification Committee. (See GHP sheet under SLOs Tab at http://utlc.uncg.edu/genedu). Chair advised GHP recertification ad hoc committee recommended no change to the SLOs or category description. Discussion regarding the possible general education review and revision of categories and markers with the possibility of revising the entire program.

Question concerning item 2, why only oral and written? There are other interpretations, this seems to be limiting. Performing arts could interpret ways other than oral and written. Discussion followed concerning forms of communication and the recommendation to the GHP ad hoc committee to update the GHP language to include other forms of communication (rather than oral/written).

GRD proposals have been solicited, due October 14th. Chair advised GRD SLOs and Category description, departments have been notified of the October 14 deadline.

V. General Education Chair 2017-18
Chair advised Council elects a chair annually. There are two issues, currently, the chair must come from the College of Arts and Sciences, for next year, we would be limited to four possible members. We need to think about who would chair next year, and does Council want to change the by-laws to revise the chair language? Several departments that used to be in the College of Arts and Sciences no longer are. To revise the by-laws, a Resolution must be approved by Faculty Senate. Discussion followed concerning rationale for revision, one is to open the chair to any faculty member. As Chair votes only in the case of a tie, the voting language would need to be reviewed, every unit needs to have a vote. Chair will draft a Resolution and bring to the next meeting for Council review and talk to Anne Wallace to see when this could be on the Faculty Senate agenda.

VI. General Education Program Review
Chair advised last spring, the Provost mentioned it is time to do a Gen Ed review. It’s been ten years since the last review. We could lay groundwork this year and begin the next academic year. Discussion followed concerning inconsistencies in the program, Learning Goals with Student Learning Outcomes underneath. There is a need to revisit this structure. A standing
There is currently no specific plan. If we were to review Gen Ed, what would you want to review?
• What is the purpose of the Gen Ed Program?
• We should ask faculty if they want this review.
• Student demographics at UNCG have changed in the last ten years, does our current program serve the same purpose it did ten years ago?
• With the UNC and UNCG Strategic Plans coming out, this could necessitate some kind of changes
- Need to establish if GEC is just a checklist, do we really care about integrating general education across the curriculum
- Streamline general education around GA’s learning objectives
- Need to revisit the criteria (100, 200, 300 level) the idea of being in the major vs. not being in the major
- Capture the true meaning of General Education courses

VII. Announcements
Chair invited everyone to attend and invite faculty to:
Informal discussions of General Education
Wednesday, September 28, 11:30 – 1:00 pm 140 McIver
Thursday, October 27, 11:30 – 1:00 pm Faculty Center
Friday, November 18, 11:30 – 1:00 pm 140 McIver

3) Jessica McCall will speak at the Advisor Institute Series, October 7. Please email Jessica any feedback, thoughts about the philosophy of General Education and the Liberal Arts.
Jacquelyn Jones, Director of Retention Initiatives,
Division of Enrollment Management
5 week Advisor Institute series
Friday, October 7th, 1:00 – 2:30pm, Understanding UNCG's General Education and Major Curriculum(s)

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.
Next meeting is October 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in 1607 MHRA