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## GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### Agenda and Minutes

Friday April 5, 11 am Harbor Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

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#### **Committee Members:**

1. Kathy Arthur, Chair
2. Deni Elliot (Arts and Sciences)
3. Erika Asano (Arts and Sciences)
4. Gary Austin (Library) excused
5. David John (Arts and Sciences)
6. Deanna Michel (Education)
7. Maria Luisa Corton (Business)
8. Morgan Gresham (Arts and Sciences)
9. Hugh LaFollette (Arts and Sciences)
10. Adrian O'Connor (Arts and Sciences)
11. George Roy (Education) excused
12. J. E. Gonzalez (Ex-Officio) excused

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### **AGENDA**

11:00-11:02 Approval of minutes from March. 1

11:02-11:30 Chair and Committee member updates

- USFSP Undergraduate and General Education Course Application
  - GE committee approved form via email March 5
  - Application now with Faculty Senate, Undergraduate Council and College Academic Programs Committees
- Approval of new GE Philosophy
- Colleges
  - CAS department Chair meetings
    - Responsibility for State Mandated Course (attached)
    - State and University Descriptions for Core Courses

11:30-12:30 SLOs

- University SLOs: CLARITY: Critical thinking, quantitative LiterAcy, wRlting and eThics and diversitY?

12:30-1:00 University wide Gen ed meeting to introduce application process & SLOs?

*Attached documents*

March. 2013 Minutes

Draft of USFSP Undergrad and GE Course Application

GE Philosophy

State Core Course List w/course descriptions and USFSP dept. responsibility

### **MINUTES**

- Approved minutes from March. 1
- Committee voted and approved USFSP Undergraduate and General Education Course Application form and Kathy brought it to the Senate for approval and revisions by other USFSP relevant committees
- Committee voted and approved the GE Philosophy with amendment
  - We further encourage faculty to incorporate, where appropriate, discussion of diverse cultural perspectives and significant ethical debates into their respective discipline's general education courses.
- Kathy discussed that she sent all Colleges Deans asked to meet with their faculty to discuss which departments would teach the State Mandated Courses. She only received feedback from CAS department and attended their April Chair meetings.
  - ENC X101 English Composition I VVA
  - ARH X000 Art Appreciation HPS
  - HUM X020 Introduction to Humanities VVA & HPS in discussion
  - LIT X100 Intro to World Literature VVA
  - MUL X010 Intro to Music Literature VVA
  - PHI X010 Intro to Philosophy HPS
  - MAC X105 College Algebra MQEP
  - STA X023 Statistical Methods MQEP
  - MGF X106 Liberal Arts Mathematics I MQEP
  - MGF X107 Liberal Arts Mathematics II MQEP
  - BCS X005 General Biology BIO
  - CHM X020 Chemistry for Liberal Studies ESPG
  - PHY X020 Fundamentals of Physics BIO
  - ESC X000 Intro to Earth Science ESPG
  - EVR X001 Intro to Environmental Science ESPG
  - PSY X012 Intro to Psychology PSY
  - SYG X000 Principles of Sociology CSL
  - WHO X040 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History HPS
  - CPO X001 Comparative Politics HPS
  - CSL X000 Introduction to Anthropology CSL
- Maria Corton and Deanna Michel on the GE committee stated that their respective colleges did not expect to be teaching any of the State Core Mandated Courses.
- Kathy had a email conversation with Cyndie Collins about which State Mandated Courses were considered Tampa courses and which USFSP. All current courses that exist in the USF system are controlled by Tampa. There are a select few on the list that no USF campus currently owns and are up for description control. Committee agreed we should send all the Chairs a list so they are aware of this issue, if they desire to control the course then they need to get their course application through the campus and state process as soon as possible.
- Kathy discussed the new Assessment Database results and low response for Sp2012 and Fall 2012, should we send an email to faculty requesting information. Committee decided that there were problems with data input, since three of

members submitted their information and they are not in the database. Therefore we will

- Send a firm email to relevant administrators ( Ernie, Susan Toler, Susan Allen, Frank Biafora, Norine Noonan) that the data needs be checked again and that they should NOT contact faculty regarding this issue. In addition, express our concern that there is a continuous disparity between administrative accounting of assessment and faculty input of assessment. We do not want to continue to exasperate faculty by the assessment process, so to move toward rectifying this situation we will
  - Set up an email account that will be controlled by the GE committee. We will send out reminder emails and request that the new system send a receipt email to the faculty member and to the GE committee email account so that we can try to resolve future disagreements over submission of assessment.
  - We discussed the current SLOS.
    - Committee voted and approved the motion that all courses must meet all the state and the USFSP SLOs for their subject area.
    - We agreed that all subject areas should include writing, quantitative literacy, and critical thinking in their SLOs. Although, we want to the math faculty to discuss writing more to determine if it is appropriate. All subcommittees are going to work on their SLOs for inclusion of these three areas of skills for the next meeting.
  - Committee voted to maintain Kathy Arthur as chair of GE committee for 2013-2014.
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