Minutes of the General Education Council
November 18, 2016

The General Education met at its regularly scheduled time on November 18, 2016 at 3:00 pm in Anne Belk Hall, Room 244. Michael Krenn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm when a quorum was reached.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson Clayton, Rodney Duke, Michael Krenn, Cameron Lippard (arrived after voting had taken place), Susan Lutz, Travis O’Shell, Mitchell Parry, Georgia Rhoades, Ben Sibley, Bruce Stewart, Scott Welsh

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly McBride, Martha McCaughey, Damiana Pyles

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Dale, Kristin Hyle, Mike Mayfield, Sheryl Mohn, Pete Wachs, Lynne Waugh, Jeni Wyatt

The Council took the following actions:

VOTE 1: Minutes from September 23, 2016 meeting
Yes: 10 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Minutes approved as written.

Writing in the Discipline: effective Fall 2017
VOTE 2: FCS 3105, Practicum II
Yes: 10 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Course approved.

VOTE 3: GER 3021, Marchen
Yes: 10 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Course approved.

VOTE 4: GER 3050, German Culture and Civilization Before 1900
Yes: 10 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Course approved.

VOTE 5: LLC 3240, Cultures of East Asia
Yes: 10 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Course approved.

VOTE 6: REL 3770, Religion, Gender, and the Body
Yes: 10 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Course approved.

Senior Capstone: effective Fall 2017
VOTE 7: LLC 4575, East Asian and German Capstone
Yes: 10 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Course approved.

Rodney Duke made a motion for FCCs of designators (FA, HS, LS, SS) to write a rationale statement, expanding upon the description and criteria. He expressed that this could be used to address mission drift and would be helpful for continuity within the FCCs. The motion did not receive a second, therefore it was not considered. FCCs were encouraged to discuss amongst their membership to determine if these issues are a concern.
DISCUSSION ITEM:
A discussion was held regarding the request for General Education credit for graduation classes taken as part of an approved 4+1/Accelerated Master’s program. History Department wants to establish an accelerated MA program and has requested that a graduate level research seminar also count as the undergraduate Capstone credit. Jeni Wyatt reported that for College of Arts and Sciences, this is currently being done by substitutions with the department chair approval. Georgia Rhoades expressed that there is more concern about allowing WID class to count than Senior Capstone. Following further discussion, it was decided that these substitution requests will be tracked so that the numbers can be reported back to the GEC. Further consideration of this issue can be done at that time.

Michael Krenn reminded members that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2016. We will need to hold this meeting as there will be course proposals and possibly a theme proposal to consider. Refreshments will be served.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Submitted by,
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