

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

September 15, 2010

1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Mason Hall D1

Attending: Rick Davis (chair), Rick Diecchio, Kim Eby, Doug Eyman, Marcy Glover (recording secretary), Frank Alan Philpot, Kammy Sanghera, Karen Studd, Cliff Sutton, Carol Urban, Peter Winant

Absent: Don Boileau, Claire Snyder-Hall, Hugh Sockett (on study leave this semester)

Guest: Ying Zhou

I. Call to Order

- The meeting started at 1:05 p.m.

II. New Business

A. Subcommittee reports

- IT/QR – Cliff reporting.

HIST 390 – IT, ALL – APPROVED – PROVISIONALLY, WITH CONDITIONS

Over the summer break, CHSS revised and resubmitted HIST 390, IT all. The subcommittee reported that changes were made to weeks 1 and 15, however LO #2 is still not addressed to their satisfaction. The subcommittee did not recommend the course for approval. The discussion was then opened to the entire committee. General concern focused on the first week of the course. Many concepts are introduced in the first week; are they developed and used throughout the semester? – there is no evidence that the subcommittee can see. Philosophically, the committee split into two viewpoints of the new IT learning outcomes; hardware and hands on use and understanding of the technology and how it works versus the ability to use technology to solve problems. Where is the line between gen ed requirements and the disciplinary focus, i.e., this is a gen ed course, not an IT major course. Additional concern was raised about the semester long project and concern that a student could do a very simple project and not actually apply the concepts that are stated in the syllabus. It was agreed that the course would be provisionally approved for one academic year and must submit an assessment portfolio to prove that the project meetings the LOs.

B. SBS/GU ASSESSMENT RESULTS

- Ying reported the results of the most recent round of general education assessment, Global Understanding and Social and Behavioral Sciences. We still need volunteers to review the 26 synthesis/critical thinking portfolios.
- All results are available on the assessment web site.
- Global Understanding: 77 courses approved; 34 offered in F09 (less than 50% offered); 16 selected for assessment; 14 submitted; 1300 students covered; 20% of students responded to the survey. This was a difficult category to assess – the work sample was predominately exams, not papers. Several courses failed: ECON 390, DANC 118, GEOG 101. MUSI 103 also

raises issues. Ying, Karen and Rick will meet with the appropriate chairs and discuss the issue. Depending on the issue, the unit will be given an academic year to fix the problem or withdraw the course.

- Social and Behavioral Sciences: 29 approved; 22 offered; 14 to assess; 10 submitted (of those who refused, all were senior professors); 4400 student covered. Overall, the courses were all successful.

III. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.