

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

November 18, 2009

1:00-2:30 pm, Mason Hall D3

Attending: Rick Davis (chair and recording secretary pro tem), Don Boileau, Frank Alan Philpot, Kammy Sanghera, Claire Snyder, Cliff Sutton, Karen Studd.
Special guest for IT discussion: Robert Sachs, Mary Zamon

Absent: Rick Diecchio, Kim Eby, Doug Eyman, Hugh Sockett, Carol Urban, Peter Winant, Marcy Glover

I. Call to Order

- The meeting started at 1:03 pm with six members present. A quorum was reached at 1:20. All actions taken before a quorum was reached were approved in the presence of a quorum.

II. Old Business

A. Course proposals

- NS Subcommittee recommended approval of CLIM 111-112 as a Natural Science with Lab; full committee unanimously approved.
- SBS Subcommittee recommended approval of CONS 490 as Synthesis; full committee unanimously approved. Full committee requested subcommittee to take another look at CONS 410 as SBS, with an eye on alignment with learning outcomes. Subcommittee will report back over email.
- SBS Subcommittee recommended approval of the resubmitted ECON 105 in SBS; full committee unanimously approved, commending the responsiveness of the submitter to the committee's concerns.

III. New Business

A. E-mail voting

- In light of the growing practice of subcommittee and full committee discussions and, occasionally, voting over email, Don Boileau volunteered to make some recommendations for protocol for the committee's consideration.

B. IT 103 learning outcomes / IT Ethics

- Continued discussion of the history and purpose of the IT ethics requirement and its creation of a variety of one-credit courses and course sequences, which seem administratively unwieldy to some and possibly confusing to students and advisers. Committee consensus: IT ethics is a sufficiently important and cross-disciplinary issue that it should be reflected in learning outcomes for the IT category. More thought should be given to the role of ethics in other disciplines (or across the curriculum); Mary Zamon and other committee members will gather information on the current mapping of ethics modules in a variety of units. Further discussion of IT learning outcomes to follow.

IV. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.