

## **UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

December 15, 2010

1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Mason Hall D3

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

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

### **Call to Order**

The meeting started at 1:35 p.m.

### **New Business**

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

ARTS/HUMANITIES (Doug reporting)

#### **CLAS 370 – LITERATURE – REJECTED**

This course does not meet the criteria of a literature course; it is more history focused. The proposal as currently written does not answer the learning outcomes. The author would have to substantially revise the course in order to meet the learning outcomes. It must strike the sentence about qualifying as a general education literature course.

#### **ARTH 335 – ARTS – APPROVED**

Looks great; could also have been submitted for synthesis.

GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING/SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL (Frank Alan reporting)

#### **SYST 100 – GU – PROVISIONAL APPROVAL**

This course was provisionally approved, pending the submission of a syllabus, which was imbedded within the proposal, but was missing critical information, such as, honor code, ADA statement, more explicit description of assignments.

#### **ANTH 322 – GU – RETURNED**

This course does not fit the criteria for a global understanding course. The subcommittee was unable to determine the alignment of assignments to the learning outcomes. They would like to see more specificity in the reading assignments and they do not feel that a course can be global only focusing on the eastern United States and the Caribbean regions.

#### **ANTH 314 – GU – POSTPONE**

The committee has asked to see the catalog description. They believe that this course could qualify because, via cultural relativism, it shows connections. Until they see the catalog description, the committee has postponed voting on this course and has asked the entire gen ed committee to read and discuss at the first spring meeting.

#### **ANTH 323 – GU – REJECTED**

Does not fit the learning outcomes – no further feedback provided.

### **ANTH 381 – GU – RETURNED**

This course has great potential. The subcommittee asks for more information on the group presentation and what are the assignments. The summer syllabus was attached but the proposal was written for fall 2010 – need to see fall syllabus.

### **PSYC 419 – SYNTHESIS – RETURNED**

After general discussion about whether or not the committee wants to approve a template synthesis course with various preapproved syllabi or not, it was requested that syllabi for the two topics courses referenced in the proposal be sent to the committee. Potentially, the committee will approve 2-3 syllabi to be taught under this number and no more. Or they may ask that each course be submitted separately under distinct course numbers. It was also asked, that if the former proposal is approved, that they change the title of the course. It needs an umbrella title that is not “within” psychology, as it is currently titled; does not show interdisciplinary focus with current title.

### **Study Abroad global understanding waiver proposal**

Was unable to discuss – will move discussion to My Mason portal.

### **Old Business**

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING/SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL (Frank Alan reporting)**

#### **UNIV 105 – SBS - RETURNED**

The subcommittee needs to see the assignments before it can rule on this course; currently there is no proof of methodology. They also have the option of changing to global understanding

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.