

**General Education Committee**  
**WH D-442**  
**Monday, February 13, 2012**  
**10:00am - 12pm**  
**Minutes- Revised**

**Present:** D. Best, L. Fitzsimmons, C. Dales, N. Palacios, E. Magruder, C. Turner, E. Kulikov, P. Krochalk, S. Pawar, L. Hutton, L. Skiffer, K. Ganezer, K. Bragg, M. Maki

**Absent:** I. Heinze-Balcazar, M. Suchenek, D. Belu

**Call to order:** 10:12am

### **Approval of Agenda**

1. L. Fitzsimmons recommended amending the agenda to include under "Old Business" the topic of GE Charge including report from L. Hutton regarding title of ex-officio representation from the Liberal Studies department.
  - a. P. Krochalk moved to approve agenda as amended. L. Hutton seconded.  
M/S/P
  - b. Agenda approved as amended.

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. L. Fitzsimmons - recommended revisions to minutes in sections 5a, 7, 8, 12, 13.
  - a. L. Fitzsimmons will send her changes to M. Banda via email for revision.
2. D. Best moved to approve minutes as amended. E. Kulikov seconded. M/S/P
  - a. Minutes approved as amended.

### **Old Business**

1. **Area Review Update**
  - a. The following departments asked for a 2 week extension: Psychology and Political Science. Theatre Arts & Dance, Humanities, and English have submitted their report. Health Science will submit their Area Review today.
  - b. L. Fitzsimmons will follow up with departments to get an expected deadline.
  - c. Form subcommittees of 2 GEC members to review Area Review reports and come back to GEC with a report for the April 9, 2012 meeting.
    - i. Theatre Arts- L. Hutton & L. Fitzsimmons
    - ii. Health Science- E. Kulikov (tentatively)

- iii. Humanities- P. Krochalk (Note: She will not be here for the report date), D. Best.
- iv. English- E. Magruder, L. Fitzsimmons.

**2. Transfer FTE to departments: Mitch Maki 10:30a.m. time certain**

- a. M. Maki- Issues morphed and questions arose from Senate's proposals to send FTE back to department.
  - i. Question why we have SMT/SBS prefixes?
  - ii. Question double count upper division GE with major because of SB 1440.
- b. SB 1440- STAR Act passed by CA legislature, pathway from community college transfer model curriculum (TMC's) in majors; take our majors and complete their majors in 60 units. Some majors can easily fit the TMC, others not. Double counting GE courses would assist in meeting the new law.
  - i. Business is having issues making the law with their high number unit majors. Eliminating courses in the major is an issue because it hinders accreditation.
  - ii. Senate was clear that it is not an option to eliminate 3 units from all majors. Double counting GE is an option to consider.
- c. Questioned if there is a problem with eliminating SMT/SBS/HUM courses and replacing with department courses?
  - i. D. Best- Yes. The reason is to facilitate the interdisciplinary areas of the fields.
  - ii. M. Maki - an APS course and SBS 318 are interdisciplinary but essentially the same class. The interdisciplinary keeps in play to meet the SBS/SMT but the prefix will go with the department.
- d. M. Maki - There is a time pressure. Business needs to be addressed this semester.
- e. L. Fitzsimmons - this is not a new topic. Recall in 2009-10 that after months of proposals and public hearings, the conclusion was that the existing present structure of Area F is to the benefit of students and admired by other institutes; emphasizes academic quality.
  - i. L. Fitzsimmons - double counting is very problematic; GE members have considered the issues for a long time. Compromises the 2 populations of new and transfer students to succeed.

- f. P. Krochalk - agrees with L. Fitzsimmons and the importance for maintaining the integrity of GE. Sees no reason that this cannot be achieved by readjusting the outline for GE.
  - i. M. Maki - that is a different issue; not talking about changing content.
- g. M. Maki - part is administrative. It must be clear how to return FTE back to departments.
  - i. L. Fitzsimmons - it goes with the instructor. It's a simple matter of bookkeeping. Instructor goes back to department. If Music teaches Humanities course, it goes with Music.
  - ii. M. Maki - questioned option of listing every SBS course with the department in the catalog.
    - 1. Same courses can be taught by instructors from different departments.
- h. K. Ganezer- SMT/SBS/HUM, there was a reason for the basic core designations of academic disciplines that we have. In several contexts we have coordinators that are schooled in these specific disciplines with regards to advising, complaints, petitions. There's an advantage to having an upper division HUM/SBS/SMT GE coordinator whose job is to address issues from that perspective rather than just departmental. If totally run by the department, that would be lost and degrade the quality of the program.
  - i. S. Pawar - If every SBS course is cross-listed with every department, the FTE would get split; the enrollment would get suppressed. The entire enrollment would go into the prefix of the department.
  - ii. The way the Chancellor's Office determines where the FTE goes is by the department/prefix, not the instructor.
- i. M. Maki - the structure will not change; the more pressing issue goes back to STAR Act and TMC. There are going to be several programs that have to make changes to their curriculum to meet TMC.

### 3. CBAPP: STAR Act and Double Counting GE

- a. K. Bragg- Program accreditation needs interdisciplinary GE. Several options were given by the CO for how to satisfy the blend for GE and accreditation including double counting GE.
  - i. CBAPP's solution is to drop one course from the major and modify one course to double count for GE. If they remove 2 courses, they will not qualify for accreditation. The college is committed to interdisciplinary experience and need to double count.

- ii. L. Fitzsimmons - CBAPP does not offer anything in GE.
  - iii. S. Pawar - BUS had a long history in GE until former CBAPP Dean J. Strong asked that Economics be taken out because there was not faculty to teach the courses.
- b. K. Bragg- the college is prepared to go through the curriculum process but they need to know that the course can be double counted.
  - i. D. Best- courses would have to be restricted to majors to double count.
  - ii. S. Pawar - not sure if that's possible. Departments can restrict who they let in the courses; if students change their major, the GE credit will still count.
- c. M. Maki - case-by-case exceptions. If course modifications for GE are approved, anyone can take the upper division GE course but it will double count for BUS majors only.
- d. K. Bragg- Criminal Justice Administration is also over by 3 units; program will have to follow the same model; both will have to come forward and get approved.
- e. S. Pawar - time pressure- curriculum needs to be approved by April 30<sup>th</sup> to be in compliance for fall 2012. The synopsis for changes is due February 27<sup>th</sup>. These courses will be prepared for the March 12<sup>th</sup> GE agenda.
- f. L. Hutton- asked if there is a limit for how many courses can be double counted.
  - i. M. Maki- suggested there be a limit of 1, but there may be special exceptions.
  - ii. P. Krochalk - it needs to be decided if the deciding factor should be if the content covers GE.
- g. M. Maki - left meeting with the understanding that GE will review at least one upper division course that can be double counted for GE and the program.
- h. Motion- Department would be allowed to submit to GE proposal to be double counted including 1 course to be double counted.
  - i. L. Fitzsimmons - allow on a case by case basis.
  - ii. P. Krochalk- table issue of how many courses.
  - iii. D. Best- 1 course pending demonstrating need for course.
- i. Also M. Maki and S. Pawar will review the listing of the SBS/SMT/HUM course listing and include the course topics in the catalog.
- j. K. Ganezer- questioned if this needs to be voted on today.

- i. L. Fitzsimmons - GE will review topics and vote on it.
- k. P. Krochalk- Motion General Education Committee will consider course proposals from those units seeking to meet the STAR Act requirements related to GE with appropriate justification. E. Kulikov seconded. M/S/P
  - i. Approved.
  - ii. D. Best- Amendment- Justification for double counting.

**Adjournment:** 12:02pm