

Minutes of the General Education, Overlay, and Code Subcommittee  
October 13, 2021  
Via Zoom  
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Craig Derksen, Kai Ding, Patrick Fleming, Julie Glass, Caron Inouye, Rita Liberti, Kathryn Palmieri, Sharon Radcliff, Christian Roessler, Jocyl Sacramento, Mitchell Watnik, Nancy White.

Absent:

Guests:

Inouye convened the meeting at 2:01.

1. **Approval of the Agenda. (M Glass/S Fleming/P).** The English (ENGL 451) course was postponed to next meeting as a representative was unable to attend.
2. **Approval of the Minutes. September 22, 2021 (M White/S Fleming/P).**
3. **Reports**
  - a. Report of the Chair and Director of General Education. Inouye asked Glass about AB 928 because Glass might have information from ASCSU. Glass said that it was signed into law last week. The law calls for a common GE pathway for ADT transfer students, with a committee of bureaucrats to oversee the pathway. If the intersegmental group does not come up with rules by May 31, 2023, the 3 system offices will make the rules. This package would be implemented in Catalog Year 2026-7. Inouye noted that the UC GE package does not include area E or A1 and uses Ethnic Studies (area F) as a “kind of overlay.” The issue is that the law calls for the units to be at most the smallest lower division units (34) in the 3 packages.
  - b. Report of APS. Watnik said that WASC is now doing the distance education calculation including all of the units for a degree program (including GE, for example, in undergraduate programs). A discussion ensued about whether synchronous online should be distinguished from asynchronous online and teaching online, who decides when courses should be taught in various modalities and the importance of consideration of student learning when those choices are made.
4. **Business/Discussion**
  - a. **New**
    - i. **SOC 315 for Diversity. (M Glass/S Radcliff/P).**
  - b. **Recertifications**
    - i. **ANTH courses 310, 312, 334, 340, 342, 354. (M Watnik/S Fleming/P).**
    - ii. **ANTH 311 (M White/S Sacramento/see below).** There was a question about the quantitative information contained in the course. Some members indicated that the quantitative skills are reflected (e.g., graphical

data), but others indicated about assessment of such outcomes is not clear in the syllabus. One member indicated that we should be specific if we call for a revision. **(M White/S Liberti/P) to table to ask for revisions.**

- iii. **ANTH 341 (M Liberti/S White/see below).** A member asked how the course is meeting information literacy outcome. Another member reiterated that the explanation didn't justify the claim. A member noted that this probably is contained in the course, but not well documented on the syllabus. **(M Fleming/S Derksen/P) to table for revisions.**
  - iv. **ASTR 337, 338, 339. (M Fleming/S Glass/P)**
  - v. **ENVT 330 UD-D/Sustainability (M Fleming/S Sacramento/P)**
  - vi. **GEOG 352, 356, 455 courses bundled. (M Glass/S White/P).** It was pointed out that the title of the GEOG 356 on the syllabus. **The approval presumes that the syllabus will be fixed.**
  - vii. **HDEV 380 (M Liberti/S Palmieri/P).**
  - viii. **INDE 390 (M Glass/S Liberti/P).** Concerns were expressed about the cross-listing.
  - ix. **POSC 382 for UD-D/Diversity (M White/S Palmieri/P)**
  - x. **SLHS 306 UD-D/Diversity (M White/S Palmieri/P).** A concern was expressed that the on-ground course had an online syllabus, but the consensus was that it was a syllabus from pandemic. However, an updated syllabus was posted by Inouye.
- c. **Recertification with revision**
- i. **ES 327 (M Sacramento/S Liberti/P) UD-D/Diversity.** There were revisions to course descriptions and learning outcomes.
- d. **Revisions only**
- i. **DANC 331 (M White/S Roessler/see below).** A member noted that repeatability is an issue. They also noted that the syllabus states: "Because of the volume of written assignments that I receive each week I'm not usually able to give individual written feedback to each person." That would conflict with the course characteristics for the GE area. There were comments about it being a "performance course, not an upper division C course." There was a procedural point that the course is up for revision, not recertification and that we could reject the revision and leave the course certified as it was. **(M Liberti/S Glass/P) to table.**
  - ii. **DANC 332 (M White/S Liberti/see below).** One member expressed concern about repeatability. Another member indicated concerns about diversity, citing the syllabus as not matching. Last year, the inclusion of a cultural group was required for approval for diversity, but that part of the learning outcomes seems to have been struck. **(M White/S Sacramento/P) to table.**
  - iii. **DANC 362 for area E (M Liberti/S Sacramento/P).**
  - iv. **PHIL 110, 130 (M Liberti/S Sacramento/P).** Course titles and descriptions were changed, as were terms offered.
- e. **Discontinuance Information**
- i. Inouye notified the subcommittee that PHIL 120 will be discontinued.

5. From the floor. Members asked about notice for courses before the next meeting. Inouye indicated that she would try to post the agenda a week in advance.
6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned due to end of agenda at 3:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Watnik