

Minutes of the General Education, Overlay, and Code Subcommittee
February 23, 2022
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: none.

Guests: Mitchell Craig, Susi Farrerello, Chandra Ganesh, Lindsey Grubbs, Sneha Dutta Hazarika, Arnab Mukherjea, Morgan Sanchez, Michael Schmeltz.

Inouye convened the meeting at 2:02 when quorum was achieved.

1. Approval of the agenda (M Liberti/S Palmieri/P)
2. Approval of the minutes from 2/9/2022 (M Glass/S Palmieri/P)
3. Reports
 - a. Report of the Chair and Director of General Education. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. This was supposed to be the last meeting with course approvals. Inouye received a message from Nursing recently indicating that there reapproval proposals were stuck in the department step in Curriculog. She asked whether members were willing to consider via an email vote. She asked Glass whether there is an update with regard to AB 928. Glass indicated the process indicated in the law is not clear.
 - b. Report of APS. **(M Glass/S Fleming/P) to approve the [position description with the following statement on the cover page](#):** “While the subcommittee recognizes that all of the duties of the position are essential, it believes that the duties constitute more than a full time position.”
4. Business / Discussion
 - a. New Certifications (courses addressed as part of 2:30 time-certain)
 1. **PHIL 325 Philosophy for the Soul for certification of UD-C and Diversity (M Sacramento/S Derksen/P).** A member asked for clarification on the diversity outcomes. Ferrarello addressed how specific racial groups are treated as examples in the class. There was also a question about gender. After being asked about intersectionality, she discussed how the field misses that aspect and how she would discuss how that could be filled in for more modern thought.
 2. **PHIL 334 Technologies and Human Values for certification of UD-C and Social Justice. (M Glass/S Sacramento/P).** Previous concerns were addressed.
 3. **PHIL 339 Understanding Life Through Experience for certification of UD-C and Diversity. (M White/S Liberti/P).** A member asked about diversity SLO 3 (intersectionality). Ferrarello gave an example.

b. Recertifications Only (No Revisions)

1. **ECON 380 (M Fleming/S Ding/NP 1-6-4) for UD-B.** A member asked about whether the course is too advanced for GE (requiring both derivatives and statistical analysis). Another member noted that there is a lack of use of scientific method in the course. Regarding the level of the course, members debated whether it was approachable for non-majors or not. There was discussion about whether the MATH and STAT prerequisites were appropriate and/or necessary. Roessler indicated that B4 would be sufficient, but others mentioned that both derivatives and probability are specifically mentioned in the examples. There was a discussion about contemporary scientific methodology.
2. **ES 362 (M Sacramento/S Liberti/P).**
3. **GEOL 325 (M Glass/S Sacramento/P).** There was a comment that the syllabus for online was actually for hybrid.
4. **GEOL 330 and GEOL 340 (M Watnik/S Sacramento/P).** No concerns were expressed.
5. **GEOL 414 (M White/S Liberti/P) with the caveat that the cross-listing be disconnected.** There was discussion about the rejection of the cross-listed version (HSC 414). Public Health was not interested in continuing with this course.
6. **HSC 327 (M Liberti/S Sacramento/P).** There were questions about consultation with BIOL and whether that was necessary.
7. **HSC 362 (M White/S Liberti/P).** Previous concerns were addressed.
8. **HSC 440 (M Glass/S White/P) contingent upon the removal of the prerequisite.** There was discussion about the prerequisite. Schmeltz and Mukherjea said that the department was going to do that. Watnik said he would help get it through Curriculog with the revision.
9. **POSC 380 for SJ (M Sacramento/S Palmieri/P).** The course was previously approved for UD-D. A member expressed concerns that the syllabus did not reflect the social justice content. **Inouye will request an amended syllabus.**
10. **SOC 345 and 433 (M White/S Sacramento/P).** Concerns expressed during the Curriculog process were addressed. There was a concern expressed about information literacy in 345.
11. **SOC 400 (M Glass/S Sacramento/P) to reject.** Sanchez indicated that the department was concerned that it wouldn't be taught to overlay standards consistently.

c. Recertifications with Revisions

1. **BIOL 333 and BIOL 335 (M White/S Watnik/P).** Previous concerns were addressed.
2. **HSC 300 (M Palmieri/S Sacramento/P).** A member pointed out that the syllabus emphasizes a time commitment specificity that is unusual. There were also comments about consultation with ENSC about removal of the prerequisites. Mukherjea said that they were informed through the College, but ENSC was not responsive. Craig was asked directly about it.

He did not recall direct consultation, but did acknowledge that the department did not comment during the consultation period.

3. MLL 366 (M Palmieri/S Liberti/P).

d. Revisions Only

1. **ES/POSC 338 (M Palmieri/S Sacramento/P).** The ES version is new while POSC is a revision. The courses will be cross-listed.
2. **HDEV 321 for Diversity (M Liberti/S White/P).**
3. **HSC 355 (M Palmieri/S Glass/P).** Previous concerns were addressed.
4. **MLL 324 (M Sacramento/S Palmieri/NP for Social Justice certification and for course learning outcomes/P for revisions to course title and description).** Concerns were expressed about whether repeatability meant that the GEOC outcomes wouldn't be addressed appropriately. There also were significant concerns about whether the revised course learning outcomes were too broad and did not reflect a primary focus on social justice.
5. **SLHS 208 (M Watnik/S Sacramento/P).**

e. Information only

1. The following courses were approved between meetings having met the conditions specified previously. This item was not explicitly discussed.
 1. **HSC 415 Introduction to Environmental Risk Assessment** for UD-D recertification.
 2. **PHYS 109 Exploring Physics in the Outdoors** conditionally approved for B1, B3, and Sustainability. On-ground and hybrid formats.
 3. **POSC 316 Politics of California** for recertification of UD-D (US-2, US-3 recertified in 2020-21). All modes of delivery.
 4. **SOC 320 Social Inequalities** for recertification of Social Justice. On-ground and hybrid formats.
 5. **SOC 340 Sociology of Gender** for recertification of UD-D and Diversity. Entirely on-ground.
 6. **SOC 325 Race and Ethnic Relations** for recertification of UD-D and Diversity. On-ground and hybrid formats.
5. Adjournment. Inouye declared the meeting adjourned due to time at 4:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Watnik