Minutes of the General Education, Overlay, and Code Subcommittee
August 28, 2024
Via Zoom
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Ana Almeida, Jennifer Aure, Bryant Cassidey, JP Horn, Steve Peng, Sharon Radcliff, Amy June Rowley, Mitchell Watnik, Nancy White, Stephanie Zaleski.

Absent:.
Guests: 2 ASL Interpreters (Lisa and unnamed).

Kaatz convened the meeting at 2:01 PM. (Approvals below are unanimous amongst members who vote unless noted otherwise.) Members introduced themselves prior to business occurring.

A. Approval of the agenda **(M Rowley/S Cassidey/P)**.
B. Election of Chair (M White/S Peng/P). Kaatz- uncontested
C. Election of Secretary (M Watnik/S White/P). Watnik- uncontested.
D. Reports
    a. Report of the Director of General Education. Kaatz said ASCSU has been fairly quiet over the summer. He will have some GE sessions in conjunction with Faculty Development early this term. Some money was given to the campus for Cal-GETC, some of which was allocated to convert GE E courses to an area persisting into the Cal-GETC pattern. While there was money for 20-25 proposals, only 6 were submitted. At the end of spring, faculty assessed written communication (organized by White). The results from Institutional Research (Kevin Gin). Results were "really good". Classes were ENGL 101, 102, 103 (not A2, but first half of stretch), 104, and some sections of 200.

    b. Report of Academic Affairs. Aure said that the AACE website is really just the homepage. Career is now with University Advancement; Academic Advising refers to the colleges and the "signature programs". Academic Advising is now decentralized. The updates are slow primarily due to AACE being everywhere on the csueastbay.edu websites. Watnik spoke about the schedule of classes for fall and also how it has already been provided for spring.

D. Business

a. The new GE Categories (M Almeida/S White/) Kaatz reviewed how the state legislature passed a rule stating that community colleges could only have one GE pattern (that both the UC and CSU had to accept in lieu of their lower division GE patterns). The new "Cal-GETC" necessarily bore more similarity to the UC than to the CSU. Kaatz wanted to get these approved by GEOC and to CIC/Senate early to facilitate conversion and approval processes. Watnik urged the subcommittee to approve the changes, rather than put them forward as information. **(M Watnik/S Horn/P) to amend the document to strike UD-2 and change UD-5 to include both science and quantitative reasoning.**

b. Waive recertification for PHIL 236. Kaatz said that the department chair requested that the course be recertified automatically, because it was approved last year and was not offered. Members brought up that the approval was controversial. There was discussion about the controversial decision and whether it was implied that Philosophy would work with Biology, but that did not happen. Rowley noted that courses were not passed contingently. **(M Horn/S Almeida/P 7-3) to waive recertification.**

E. From the floor. (Next meeting is September 11.) Rowley brought up the President's graphic depicting CSU East Bay's curriculum as a maze. She feels that CIC was targeted. She indicated that much of the confusion has to do with GE. Kaatz noted that the GE minors proposed last year might have given more direction within the GE curriculum. He is likely to make those minors into (informal) "pathways." Watnik said he will be at a meeting on 9/11; Horn volunteered to be the acting secretary at the meeting.

F. Adjournment. (M Almeida/S White/P).

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Watnik