Minutes of the General Education, Overlay, and Code Subcommittee
February 8, 2023
Via Zoom
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Jason Daniels, Patrick Fleming, Kevin Kaatz, Mee Sook Kim, Rita Liberti, Kathryn Palmieri, Steve Peng, Sharon Radcliff, Amy June Rowley, Mitchell Watnik, Nancy White.

Absent:.
Guests: Sharon Neumann Solow (ASL), Jennifer ??? (ASL).

Kaatz convened the meeting at 2:01 PM.

1. Approval of the agenda (M Fleming/S Peng/P).
2. Approval of the minutes (M Fleming/S Peng/P). The date at the top was incorrect and will be corrected.
3. Reports
    a. Report of the Chair and Director of General Education. Kaatz noted that he, White, and Radcliff have been looking at the GE A3 outcomes and rubrics. They sent some suggested revisions to PHIL, ENGL, MLL, and HIST for comments. He noted that A3 will likely need some changes due to the upcoming change in GE patterns. He and White met with ENGL faculty to discuss A2 issues. They also met with MATH and STAT faculty to discuss B4 issues. There was some discussion about A3. There are no recommended changes to B4 so far; there will be some recommended changes for A2. Kaatz reached out to COMM and MLL about A1. The assessments were "fantastic" for that area, according to him. COMM has responded, but not MLL. He anticipates no changes there.
    b. Report of APS. Watnik discussed the new University Writing Requirement and that only 2 courses appear to be on track to be upper division GE and a UWR course (HIST 477 and ES 300). There were other courses that were more major oriented. He expects those 2 courses to be very popular with new transfer students.
4. Business / Discussion (all approvals below were unanimous unless specified otherwise) Note that approvals were not done in the order on the agenda due to guests / time-certain and so forth. These minutes record the actual order of approvals.
    a. Information Items (MGMT 370). The course is in a pipeline for approval for Sustainability overlay.
    b. Presentation of the Comprehensive GEOC Recertification/Revision work for 2022/2023. Kaatz discussed the report he is working on. Members indicated that Kaatz may be "too nice" and suggested that they explain that the issues were largely related to one department. There were significant "quality" issues with some proposals that members assisted to the point that the courses were passable. Some comments noted that previous entities (such as the college curriculum committee) should have observed the problems and intervened.

c. Presentation of the A1, A2, A3, and B4 Assessment Reports. Kaatz led a discussion about the assessments of the Golden Four. As he noted during his report earlier, he described A1 very positively. He noted that the review of A2 with ENGL led to them recommending some changes to learning outcomes for the area. For A3, the proficiency results were low. For B4, the numbers were given separately for 2019 (pre-Covid) and 2020 (during Covid) and it was clear that there was a heavy negative effect. Accordingly, the B4 will not recommend for changes, but will be followed closely in the next cycle.

d. Discuss CLASS representative chair suggestions for GEOC (put forth by Chris Moreman, PHIL, Erik Kupers (THEA and DANC), and Bridget Ford (HIST): 1) A 1-year probationary period for all tabled and rejected courses; 2) A rubric to be used by GEOC (I pointed out to CIC that I made one in August for us to use); and 3) Remove redundant language in Curriculog (see next item on the agenda). **(M Watnik/S Fleming) to reject having a one-year probationary period for tabled and rejected courses.** There was a considerable discussion about this issue, but all were in favor of the motion.

e. Possible changes to Curriculog language. Kaatz reviewed some suggestions he had for clarifying Curriculog language (see number 3 in d immediately above).

f. To Table or Not to Table. There was discussion about this. A member suggested some mechanism to do a pre-check so that the lack of tabling wouldn't be draconian. (Another member suggested that that onus could be put on the college committees.)

g. All changes to the GE Framework document must be completed by our March 8th meeting in order for CIC to get it to Senate before it breaks for summer. Kaatz reminded the group of this deadline.

E. Old Business/Discussion

1. Revising the 5-year Recertification schedule–ideas on how to break up UD C (and probably UD B/D). There was a preliminary discussion of this. The main suggested change was a more even division of UD-C.
2. Checklist we can give chairs/college curriculum committees for working on their recertification proposals Item not meaningfully addressed due to time.

5. Adjournment. (M Grubbs/S Watniki/P). The meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Watnik