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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2015

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The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM.

Members Present: Imran Farooqi, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Sarah McDowell, Kelvin Mason, Nathan Frank, Brian Katz, Mamata Marme, Lisa Seidlitz, Chris Marme, Rachel Weiss, Kaylynn Burke (SGA), Cole Neder (SGA)

Absent: Jamie Nordling, Rob Elflin, Lendol Calder

Guests: Christina Myatt

I. Minutes

Motion- Sarah McDowell moved **“to approve the minutes of the December 2nd meeting as submitted.”**

Mamata Marme seconded.

Discussion was opened. A couple of points were clarified and amended.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2ND MEETING WITH CORRECTIONS.

Christina Myatt will file the minutes with Mary Koski in Academic Affairs.

II. NEW AND CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. LSFY 103-Dobson Soccer

This item was tabled and was brought back on the floor. The committee had received updates and answers to their questions/concerns. The supplemental materials provided satisfied the committee's questions.

There was no further discussion and so a vote was taken.

MOTION PASSES TO APPROVE LSFY 103 DOBSON-SOCCER AS A NEW COURSE.

2. LSFY 103- Romaniello-Mindfulness

Lisa Seidlitz moved, **"to approve LSFY 103- Romaniello-Mindfulness as a new course."**

Nathan Frank seconded.

The floor was opened for discussion. Brian Katz has met with this instructor to work on the proposal and syllabus. The updated materials addressed the concerns of the committee.

There was no further discussion and so a vote was taken.

MOTION PASSES TO APPROVE LSFY 103- ROMANIELLO-MINDFULNESS AS A NEW COURSE.

3. ENGL 209 PH

Sarah McDowell moved, **"to approve ENGL 209 for a PH"**.

Rachel Weiss seconded.

Discussion was opened. This is just a renumbering of a course that already has this designation.

Kelvin Mason amended the motion, **“to approve ENGL 209 as a renumbering of an already existing course with the PH designation.**

Sarah McDowell seconded.

There was no discussion and a vote was taken.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE ENGL 209 AS A RENUMBERING OF AN ALREADY EXISTING COURSE WITH THE PH DESIGNATION.

4. GRSC 200 PP, G

Lisa Seidlitz moved, **“to approve GRSC 200 for PP and a G as a one-time course approval.”**

Mamata Marme seconded.

Discussion was opened. This is a one term Fulbright visitor. The department will work with the visiting faculty to make the syllabus more consistent with others at Augustana.

As there was no more discussion, a vote was taken.

MOTION PASSES TO APPROVE GRSC 200 FOR A PP AND A G AS A ONE TIME COURSE APPROVAL.

5. ENGL 125E PL

This proposal had previously been tabled and was brought back. Additional information has been requested but nothing has been received.

Lisa Seidlitz moved, **“to table the approval of ENGL 1235 E for a PL.”**

Chris Marme seconded.

Discussion ensued about how long a proposal could be tabled.

A vote was taken.

MOTION FAILS TO TABLE ENGL 125E FOR A PL.

The failure of the motion brought back the original motion to approve ENGL 125E for a PL.

Discussion ensued and after a lengthy conversation which centered on the lack of detail in the materials presented, a vote was taken.

MOTION TO APPROVE ENGL 125E FOR A PL FAILS.

6. LC1

This proposal was tabled at an earlier meeting and was now brought back. Many supplemental materials were provided including the addition of the new course LSC-351.

Sarah McDowell moved, **“to consider LSC 351 and LC1 together for approval.”**
Mamata Marme seconded.

Discussion ensued. Some questions exist about how it would work and how they could ensure there would be varying points of view or lens used in looking at materials.

Kelvin Mason moved, **“to amend the motion to a one time approval of the LC.”**
Cole Neder seconded.

Discussion ensued. Many were concerned that this is a model that is different from our traditional LC and that while the courses themselves were not an issue, the LC needed to be examined closer. As there had been a wealth of

supplemental information provided, committee members would like more time to really digest all the aspects of the proposal.

Based on discussion, Kelvin and Cole withdrew their motion.

Lisa Seidlitz moved, **“to table the approval of LC1 and LSC 351.”**

Sarah McDowell seconded.

A vote was taken.

THE MOTION WAS TABLED.

7. LSFY 103- Pomaes- browngirlworld

Sarah McDowell moved, **“to approve LSFY 103 Pomaes-browngirlworld as a new course.”**

Lisa Seidlitz seconded.

Discussion was opened. The committee appreciated the detail in the proposal. The committee would also like to see the informational literacy skills portion of the course expanded.

As there was no more discussion, a vote was taken.

MOTION PASSES TO APPROVE LSFY 103 POMALES-BROWNGIRLWORLD AS A NEW COURSE.

8. LC 7 Black Lives Matter

Lisa Seidlitz moved, **“to approve LC7 Black Lives Matter”**.

Nathan Frank seconded.

Discussion was opened. It was noted that this is a one-time proposal seeking approval. There was some concern that there may be more work than there should be in a one credit class.

As there was no more discussion, a vote was taken.

THE MOTION PASSES TO APPROVE LC 7 BLACK LIVES MATTER. THIS IS A ONE-TIME PROPOSAL.

9. CHEM 305 PN

Nathan Frank moved, **“to approve CHEM 305 for a PN.”**

Rachel Weiss seconded.

Discussion was opened. The committee had originally pulled this proposal because of questions regarding the “I” portion of a PN. However, time kept the proposal from being discussed. Since that time, additional materials were received that outlined lab work and how inquiry would be handled in the course.

As there was no further discussion, a vote was taken.

MOTION PASSES TO APPROVE CHEM 305 FOR A PN.

10. LC 2- EvolutionRevolutionBerlin

This motion was originally tabled and was now brought back.

The LC is for international travel only. If these courses were to be taught on campus and the instructors wished to have it designated an LC, they would need to reapply.

As there was no more discussion, a vote was taken.

MOTION PASSES TO APPROVE EVOLUTIONREVOLUTIONBERLIN FOR AN LC.

11. Updates from Academic Affairs

Newly approved courses will now be included in the faculty newsletter so they do not get lost.

New LCs are being added to the website.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. We need to start thinking about who will be the next chair of GenEd (starting Fall 2016).
- b. After break, we will return to developing a shared vision of the liberal arts.
- c. If anyone has other things they would like the committee to address, send that information to Brian Katz.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Myatt