

GEOC Meeting September 6, 2012

In attendance: Murphy Sewall, Anabel Perez, Tom Long, Tom Deans, John Ayers, Michael Young, Rosa Helena Chinchilla, Peter Kaminsky, Gustavo Nanclares, Olivier Morand.

1. Minutes of May 1, 2012 meeting

Motion to accept minutes as drafted. Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements

- *GEOC membership.* The GEOC is low on membership and, at the request of the Senate Nominating Committee, Murph Sewall asked current members for suggestions for specific individuals or avenues for identifying possible members.
 - The following subcommittees are currently missing a co-chair: CA2, CA3, and Computer Technology Competency.
 - CA4 has no chair at the moment as Xae Alicia Reyes is on sabbatical during the Fall semester. We need an immediate fill for this gap as there are pressing items awaiting CA4 attention. Any suggestions for either full members or temporary members should be emailed to Murph Sewall and Anabel Perez.
- *Subcommittee membership.* All subcommittee chairs were asked to contact their subcommittee members to confirm that they will remain on the GEOC this academic year. In Xae Alicia Reyes' or a temporary chair's absence, Anabel Perez will contact CA4 subcommittee members.
- *Students on GEOC and its subcommittees.* The GEOC currently awaits the appointment of new student members to serve on the GEOC and its subcommittees. Any undergraduate or graduate representation on GEOC subcommittees must first be approved by the respective governing bodies.
- *New Chair for AY14.* This will be the third and final year of Murph Sewall's term as GEOC Chair. If any members have suggestions for a new chair, please forward suggestions to Anabel Perez or Murph Sewall.

3. Subcommittee Reports

- The GEOC was reminded that the GEOC goal is to get all proposals in the queue reviewed in time for presentation to Senate at the October meeting. In order to do this, the GEOC must approve the courses no later than the October 4th meeting.

CA1 Arts and Humanities

The CA1 subcommittee recommended **approval** of the following course for inclusion in the Arts and Humanities content area:

HIST/LAMS1600 Introduction to Latin America and the Caribbean

Peter Kaminsky noted that the proposal addresses all 5 CA1 criteria in very imaginative ways. Note: The course is also proposed for CA4 INT but will be forwarded to Senate C&CC at this time.

Motion carried.

The CA1 subcommittee recommended **approval** of the following course for **offering in the intensive session**:

SPAN 1010 Contemporary Spanish Culture and Society through Film

Note: This course needs CA4 approval before it can be scheduled for intensive session.

Peter Kaminsky noted that Gustavo Nanclares recused himself from the review process as he is the course instructor.

Motion carried.

CA4 Diversity and Multiculturalism

The GEOC discussed the discrepancy in approvals for the courses LING 1020 and 1030 as documented at the April and May 2012 meetings. The GEOC supported the original review decision and vote at the April 12, 2012 meeting; both course approvals hereby stand.

4. Reports and Discussion

- Course Alignment in AY13
 - In AY11, we ran a pilot run of the course alignment project with 4 departments. AY13 Round 1 includes 10 departments. Murph Sewall will contact the department heads of these departments to ask them to appoint a coordinator.
 - Mike Young noted that an information literacy survey will follow once coordinators are named.

5. Other Business

Next meeting: Second Language support center. Murph Sewall will check with SEC to ensure that the GEOC request to create a Second/Foreign Language Learning Center akin to the W and Q Centers did not fall through the cracks.

Respectfully submitted,
Anabel Perez
GEOC Administrator