

# GEOC Meeting February 24, 2015

## In attendance:

Mike Young – Chair, (Karen Piantek – Admin), David Gross, Tom Meyer, Tom Abbott, Scott Campbell, Arthur Engler, Eric Schultz, Stephanie Milan, Peter Kaminsky, Michael Bradford

## Regrets:

Gustavo Nanclares, Manuela Wagner, Ana Maria Diaz-Marcos

Meeting called to order at 12:37pm.

## **1. Minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting were accepted as submitted.**

### **Old Business**

- A. Revision of a “Digital Information Literacy” competency; deletion of Computer Technology competency; Assessment Project: Info Lit Survey and Interviews.
  - The committee is working on a list of people to contact and an interview protocol.
  - Currently most information on Information Literacy is more than 10 years old.
- B. 2014-15 Course Re-alignment – Deadline to submit reports is for the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - Two reports have been submitted. The W subcommittee has a course of issue.

### W Alignment Report

- M. Young requested A. Engler’s email correspondence history so that GEOC chair could follow up.
  - M. Young requested revision of the report to just indicate that proposers were unresponsive to requests from W subcommittee about non-responsiveness.
  - Neither the W report nor the Q report will be acted on at this meeting.
- C. Next steps on the proposal regarding First Year Writing waivers – OIRE has suggested contacting the Registrar to obtain the data requested.
    - K. Piantek will give M. Young the name of people from OIRE who are denying us data; he would like to try contacting them.
    - S. Campbell reminded the committee about urgency issues regarding enrollment increases.
    - This is especially relevant to UConn’s NEASC accreditation, in which we need to show competency, not just exposure.
  - D. 2014-15 Provost’s Competition – Five proposals were selected for funding:
    - ENGL 2XXX/W The graphic Novel
    - DRAM 1XXX Introduction to World Puppet Theater
    - EDLR 2XXX Issues in Sports
    - GSCI 1000-series
    - PNB 3120W Scientific Writing in Physiology and Neurobiology (Was contingent upon clarification of funds )
  - E. Modification of the Implementation section of the Gen Ed Guidelines (see attached)
    - E. Schultz gave an overview of the issue. There was some question as to whether CLAS C&C reviewed and approved this. E. Schultz introduced a document with revisions of Gen Ed guidelines.
    - E. Schultz noted the need to look at Senate Bylaws as well, as many are in great need of revision/updating.

- D. Gross questioned the striking of item #4, and E. Schultz suggested adding the Competency wording to #3. The item would apply to additions, deletions, or revisions.
- There were some questions about the clarity of the W courses versus non-W course offerings, specifically the “co-mingling.” A one-credit W in addition to regular course was the solution in the past.
- E. Schultz suggested to the GEOC that they needed to take a close look at both Gen Ed guidelines and bylaws, and if co-mingled courses are not allowed, then that needs to be specified somewhere.
- There was discussion of the specifics of how W courses were enacted. M. Young asked the GEOC to look at the W guidelines and see if they accurately represent their understanding of W. Does it need to include wording on co-mingling?
- E. Schultz suggested that his document can be reviewed and discussed separately from this issue.
- E. Schultz will make slight revisions to the language and send the document around to the committee for approval.

### 3. Subcommittee Reports

#### A. CA1 Report

- No discussion.

**The report was passed unanimously as submitted. (Approval of HIST/USC 3650, PHIL/HRTS 3220/W, HRTS 3200/W, HRTS 3250/W)**

#### B. CA2 Report

- The committee noted that the pre-req for the HDFS courses is a CA2, but students must take their CA2s in two different departments, so this designation doesn't help them.
- E. Schultz suggested addition of “by instructor consent” to language about open only to HDFS majors.

**The report was passed unanimously as submitted. (Approval of GEOG 2320, HDFS 3311W, HDFS 3540W)**

#### C. CA3 Report

- No discussion

**The report was passed unanimously as submitted. (Approval of GSCI 1010, GSCI 1070, GSCI 1050, GSCI 1051, GSCI 1052, SCI 1051(GSCI 1055), NUSC 1165)**

#### D. CA4 Report (see attached)

- No discussion.

**The report was passed unanimously as submitted. (Approved CHIN 3230, HRTS 3200/W)**

#### E. W Report (see attached)

- No discussion.

**The report was passed unanimously as submitted. (Approved HDFS 3311W, HDFS 3540W, MEM 4971W, MEM 4972W, PHIL/HRTS 3219W, Delete MEM 4915W)**

### 4. New Business

- A. Michael Bradford will take over for Peter Kaminsky as CA1 co-chair.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Piantek  
GEOC Administrator