

# GEOC Meeting September 17, 2012

*In attendance:* Murphy Sewall, Anabel Perez, Tom Long, Noah Sharpsteen, Francoise Dussart, Eric Schultz, Peter Kaminsky, Michael Young, Gustavo Nanclares, Eliana Rojas, Rosa Helena Chinchilla.

*Not present:* John Ayers, Tom Deans, Kailee Himes, Richard Jones, Wally Madych, Olivier Morand, Tom Roby, Sarah Winter.

**Meeting called to order at 1:05pm.**

## 1. Minutes of the September 6, 2012 meeting.

**Motion to approve the minutes as drafted. Motion seconded.**

**Motion carried.**

## 2. Announcements

- *GEOC membership.* The Graduate Student Senate has appointed Noah Sharpsteen as graduate student member on the GEOC. Eliana Rojas has agreed to serve as interim CA4 chair during the Fall 2012 semester while Xae Alicia Reyes is on sabbatical.
  - The following subcommittees still need to have a co-chair appointed:
    - Q
    - CA3
    - CA2
    - CA4
    - Computer Technology Competency

## 3. Subcommittee reports

### Writing Competency

The W subcommittee recommended the **approval** of to the following courses:

ECON 2491W	Internship—Research Paper (this is a revision)
ENGL 3123W	Modern British Literature: 1890 to the Mid-20 <sup>th</sup> Century
ENGL 3124W	British Literature since the Mid-20 <sup>th</sup> Century (What was once a single ENGL course is being split into two courses spread over two semesters.)

**Motion carried.**

*W subcommittee position statement:* Would the GEOC be interested in supporting the idea of a series of statements for best practices for writing instruction? These would not be prescriptive; rather, they would serve to clarify best practices on issues that affect all W courses (e.g. grading of drafts).

The GEOC discussed how such information could be used and discussed the possibility of posting the information online, starting a dialogue with W instructors, possibly starting a Blog editorial with comments from GEOC members. The W subcommittee will draft something for the GEOC to review and possibly post following the next GEOC meeting.

### CA3 Science and Technology

The CA3 subcommittee recommended the **approval** of the following course:

SOIL 2120	Environmental Soil Science (Prerequisites question: clarify with the proposers that the list of prerequisites requires that students have taken 1 course from the list, not a combination of courses. )
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**Approval subject to correction of language to clarify prerequisites. Motion seconded.**

**Motion carried.**

UPDATE: proposers agreed to clarify prerequisite language on 9/20/12.

#### **4. Reports and Discussions**

CA4 and 1 credit courses: Should the GEOC propose a guideline change to permit a repeatable one credit course in content areas other than Content Area 1?

The current Guidelines state: "b. Normally, the six credits required as a minimum for each Content Area will be met by two three-credit courses. However, in Group One, one-credit performance courses may be included. Students may use no more than three credits of such courses to meet the requirement."

In the ensuing discussion, GEOC members raised the following points:

- Would 1-credit CA courses outside of CA1 result in a superficial level view of a content area?
- Performance aspect- CA1 clearly accepts performances as a way to meet the criteria; CA4 is different.

Murphy will draft a proposal to contemplate at the next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned 2:27pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Anabel Perez  
GEOC Administrator