

GEOC Meeting October 15, 2015

*Members in **BOLD** were in attendance:*

Mike Young – Chair, (Karen Piantek – Admin), Joseph Abramo, Pamela Bedore (Sen C&C), Michael Bradford, Scott Campbell, **Ana Maria Diaz-Marcos, Arthur Engler**, Bernard Goffinet, **David Gross, Thomas Meyer, Stephanie Milan**, Olivier Morand, **Gustavo Nanclares, Fatma Selampinar, Eduardo Urios-Aparisi, Manuela Wagner**, Bing Wang, **Shabaz Khan (student rep)**

Meeting called to order at 12:34pm.

1. Minutes of September 30, 2015 meeting

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

1. Announcements

- A. The new student representative Shabaz “Shabby” Khan was introduced.
- B. M. Young informed the committee that a number of agenda items from the last meeting are on hold pending more information or more direction.

2. Old Business

- A. Gen Ed Review ad hoc committee
 - The committee is still being populated, but it will begin work soon. All GEOC-related assessment is on hold until the task force finishes its assessment.
- B. Course Realignment – Department Head letters have gone out
 - K. Piantek has heard back from some department heads, and she will begin follow-up and sending materials early next week.
- C. Digital Information Literacy competency; Assessment Project Report update.
 - S. Campbell was not available to report.
- D. Next steps on the proposal regarding First Year Writing waivers
 - This project is currently on hold. The Gen Ed Task Force may be asked to look into this.
- E. Proposed Policy Revision: Passing the Lab Component of a CA3 course
 - Scholastic Standards is reviewing this issue first. GEOC may not need to take any action on this item.

3. Subcommittee Reports

- A. CA1 Report
 - One member asked if assessment is the same for this intensive session course as in regular versions of the course. Yes, everything is the same; it is just in a condensed format. The course runs every day during its three week session.
 - One member asked how online courses are handled when HuskyCT goes down. It was noted that instructors must just deal with it as best they can.

Report approved unanimously (GEOG 1200 approved for Intersession)

B. CA2 Report

- The committee noted that ANTH 2400 was in good shape, and they recommended approval.
- Regarding LLAS 1000, the subcommittee had a question about different disciplines teaching it while still meeting the CA2 requirements. M. Young indicated that GEOC does

not have any guidelines about how a course must be implemented. He noted that GEOC confirms courses, not instructor versions of courses. It is incumbent upon instructors to adhere to the content area guidelines for which the course was approved.

- M. Young noted that the question of multiple instructors may be an issue for the alignment review process; GEOC should be sure capture syllabi from instructors of different departments when courses are interdisciplinary.
- More info needed from proposer for LLAS 1000.

Report approved unanimously (Add CA2 to ANTH 2400)

C. CA4 Report

- The subcommittee felt that GEOG 2400 fulfilled the CA4-INT guidelines, but the other courses reviewed need more information. The proposers will be contacted.

Report approved unanimously (add CA4-INT to GEOG 2400)

D. W Report

- The WGSS proposer appeared to have sent the wrong syllabus for the course, so she was contacted. The W subcommittee received the correct version of the syllabus after the W report was sent, so they wished to amend the report to approve all three courses.

Report approved unanimously as amended (add HEJS/CAMS/HIST 3218W, add NRE 3345W, revise WGSS 3718W)

Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Piantek
GEOC Program Assistant