

GEOC Meeting February 3, 2015

In attendance:

Mike Young – Chair, (Karen Piantek – Admin), David Gross, Tom Meyer, Tom Abbott, Scott Campbell, Gustavo Nanclares, Fatma Selampinar, Nicole Coleman, Arthur Engler, Eric Schultz, Stephanie Milan

Regrets:

Peter Kaminsky, Eliana Rojas, Manuela Wagner, Ana Maria Diaz-Marcos

Meeting called to order at 12:37pm.

1. Minutes of the December 4, 2014 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Announcements

- A. Revision of a “Digital Information Literacy” competency; deletion of Computer Technology competency, Info Lit Survey
 - Subcommittee members determined that they needed more information in order to proceed with the revision of the Information Literacy Competency; they will be hiring graduate students for the semester to speak with faculty about the courses that have been identified by departments as satisfying the Information Literacy Competency.
 - E. Schultz asked to hear more about the details of the assessment project. S. Campbell noted that Info Lit plans have been posted online for all departments, and he explained that graduate students will conduct a structured interview with select departments. The subcommittee will then follow up with a larger survey for other departments.
 - There were no objections to this plan by the GEOC.
- B. 2014-15 Course Re-alignment – Most forms have been submitted.
 - A deadline of the March 24th meeting was decided for subcommittees to complete their alignment and submit a report.
- C. Next steps on the proposal regarding First Year Writing waivers; OIRE is having issues compiling the requested data.
 - K. Piantek reported that, two months after submitting a request for data to OIRE, she was informed that OIRE was having trouble completing the data request. While some data can be pulled from PeopleSoft in bulk, other information has to be found on a student-by-student basis, and OIRE was uncertain how to proceed. K. Piantek will meet with OIRE to figure out how to complete the request.
 - One member suggested that Sally Reis should be notified of these issues.
- D. 2014-15 Provost’s Competition – Eight proposals have been received; review will begin in early February; volunteers are needed for review.
 - The review meeting has been scheduled for February 12 at 2:00pm in the Senate Conference Room.
- E. Eric Schultz – W Quarantine
 - Last year the GEOC voted to approve a W Quarantine measure at the request of Rob Henning from PYSC. Through this initiative, upper-level courses that are requesting changes can be offered after college C&C approval as long as their W versions remain quarantined (i.e. are not offered) until they have passed all pertinent levels of review.
 - The issue is that no one knew this provision had been made, and it was thought by some to have been granted as a special case. There was a similar problem with the recent Senate syllabus provision in that there is no current mechanism for informing schools, colleges, and departments of important curricular decisions.

- In the interest of bringing the GEOC guidelines up to date, including the W quarantine, E. Schultz drafted a quick revision of pertinent language and asked the GEOC for feedback at the next meeting.
 - One member felt that the revisions, rather than creating any hurdles, would actually alleviate some hurdles for proposers.
 - Another member found an initial issue with wording in the draft that suggested upper-level courses with content area designations would not have to undergo GEOC review before being offered. E. Schultz made a note of the issue and will revise the guidelines accordingly.
- F. CA1/CA2 Proposal – EVST 1000
- M. Young gave the GEOC an FYI that a course seeking both CA1 and CA2 designations would be coming to them for review shortly. While multiple designations are relatively common between certain content areas, there are currently no existing courses approved for both CA1 and CA2.

3. Subcommittee Reports

A. CA1 Report

- The subcommittee found specific differences in how W and non-W versions of the HRTS courses were described, and there was a question of W and non-W sections running concurrently. The primary concern was that the CA1 experience for the W students would be diluted, so the subcommittee does not recommend approval at this time for the HRTS courses. The CA1 subcommittee will contact the proposer with a request for clarification.
- Two other courses are recommended for approval.
- There was an issue with the lack of a grading scale on one syllabus. This led to a discussion about syllabi best practices and the desirability of including a grading scale in the syllabus.

The report was passed unanimously as submitted. (Approved ART/AASI/INDS 3375, HEJS 1/2104)

B. CA2 Report

- It was noted that the course number in the syllabus is different from that of the form (2000 on the form and 1100 in the syllabus) for GEOG 2000.
- The subcommittee noted general issues with proposers not fully explaining how courses meet content area criteria. Given the lack of details in the proposal for GEOG 2320, the subcommittee does not approve addition of the content area until revisions are made. The CA2 subcommittee will contact the proposer with this request.

The report was passed unanimously as submitted. (Approved GEOG 2000)

C. CA4 Report

- The CA4 subcommittee noted numerous instances of confusion or incomplete information provided for three of the courses it reviewed. While the report indicated that the CA4 subcommittee would approve the courses if the GEOC felt these issues were acceptable, the GEOC did not feel it was appropriate to approve the changes until the CA4 subcommittee was fully satisfied with the proposals. It was determined that the subcommittee should communicate with the proposers about fixing deficiencies in the forms.
- The fourth course on the report is already approved for CA4 and is seeking another designation. The CA4 subcommittee indicated that they endorsed changes being made to the course.

The report was passed unanimously as submitted. (Approved revisions to ART/AASI/INDS 3375)

D. W Report

- After some discussion with the GEOC, the W subcommittee removed ARTH 3630W from consideration for approval until the W question on the form has been revised sufficiently. All

other recommendations, both for and against approval, stand. Proposers who need to add or revise information on their proposals will be contacted.

- There was a general question about how often W courses are overenrolled; K. Piantek will look at these numbers for the annual report.

The report was passed unanimously with one revision regarding the withdrawal of approval for ARTH 3630W (Approved ARTH 3575W, HRTS 3200W, HRTS 3250W, EDLR 3547W)

4. Other Reports and Discussion

A. None

Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Piantek
GEOC Administrator