

GEOC Meeting April 14, 2015

In attendance:

Mike Young – Chair, (Karen Piantek – Admin), Tom Abbott, Eric Schultz, Stephanie Milan, Michael Bradford, Joseph Abramo

Regrets:

Gustavo Nanclares, Manuela Wagner, Ana Maria Diaz-Marcos, Fatma Selampinar, Arthur Engler, JC Beall, David Gross, Scott Campbell

Meeting called to order at 9:42pm.

1. Minutes of March 24, 2015 meeting – Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Old Business

A. Revision of a “Digital Information Literacy” competency; deletion of Computer Technology competency; Assessment Project: Info Lit Survey and Interviews

- Work continues. Paid GAs are conducting surveys and making phone calls. The old Info Lit plans actually had the old three-digit numbers, so they needed updating.
- The goal is to find out what people are doing and revise the guidelines to reflect these actions.
- E. Schultz noted that this is useful information to have and suggested that the Info Lit subcommittee should probably not undertake a huge revision given the push to look at Gen Ed as a whole.
- Collaboration and crowd-sourcing are two of the ideas on which the subcommittee will focus.

B. 2014-15 Course Re-alignment – Final deadline

a. CA3 Alignment Report

- All three courses were more than adequate.
- The courses were unanimously approved within the CA3 committee.

The report was accepted as submitted unanimously.

b. CA4 Alignment Report

- HEJS 1103 could be “International” but it currently isn’t. This would require a CAR to make this revision.
- A typo was fixed on the number for GEOG 1700.

The report was accepted as submitted unanimously.

c. Q Alignment Report

- PNB 3263QW does not meet Q requirement; the proposer is willing to remove the Q designation.
- The committee discussed how to enact this change.
- In a discussion of report wording, M. Young suggested that the final report would be standardized to read, “It is the belief of the committee that these courses align...”

The report was accepted as submitted unanimously.

d. W Alignment Report

- The committee has still not received a response from URBN 1300W.

- There was a suggestion to amend the report to read, “Unable to find data to align this course at this time.”

The report was accepted as amended unanimously.

- C. Next steps on the proposal regarding First Year Writing waivers – Proposal for senior faculty whose classes are canceled to be re-allocated to FYW instruction.
- M. Young had a meeting with Kumar in OIRE. OIRE had previously said they could not get this information, but with the backing of Sally Reis, it appears that the data can be pulled relatively easily.
 - S. Reis also suggested that tenured faculty whose classes are canceled for less than 10 students should be reassigned to FYW courses. It was clarified that that this idea was given to her; it did not come from her.
 - S. Reis also supported the proposal to require 2000-level W courses.
 - T. Abbott knows of some courses currently running with less than 10 students, not as overloads.
 - E. Schultz noted that these kinds of solutions will carry more weight moving forward given the budget issues.
- D. Modification of the Implementation section of the Gen Ed Guidelines (Eric Schultz)
- There was more discussion of the language used in the document.
 - E. Schultz will provide a final version of the document to be sent around for approval.

3. Subcommittee Reports

A. CA1 Report

- The committee felt that there was not enough content to warrant a CA1 designation for EVST 1000. They would need to see at least half of course designated to CA1 to approve it.
- They noted that it was not a qualitative issue, but a quantitative one; the course just focuses on other things.

The report was accepted as submitted, denying the approval.

B. CA2 Report

- No discussion.

The report was accepted as submitted with approval of EVST 1000.

C. W Report

- No discussion.

The report was accepted as submitted (Approval to delete ENGL 3801W, ENGL 3803W, ENGL 3805W, ENGL 3807W, ENGL 3809W, ENGL 3811W; approval to add COMM 4035W).

4. New Business

- A. GEOC Annual Report draft – K. Piantek will complete the report shortly.
- B. April 28th meeting is no longer tentative; it is official. The GEOC will meet at 12:30pm to hear First Year reports from other Provost’s Competition winners from 13-14.
- C. OTHER: There was some late-meeting discussion of the proposal to have senior faculty teach FYW courses when their upper-level courses are canceled.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Piantek

GEOC Administrator