



GEOC Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2019 – 2:00pm-3:30pm in Rowe 420

Members in **BOLD** were in attendance:

Eric Schultz – Chair, (Karen McDermott – Admin), Joseph Abramo, Pamela Bedore (Ex-Officio), **Lisa Blansett, Michael Bradford**, Brenda Brueggemann, Kun Chen, **James Cole, Debs Ghosh**, Beth Ginsberg, Bernard Goffinet, Miguel Gomes, Mary Ellen Junda, **Alvaro Lozano-Robledo**, Richard Mancini, **Michael Morrell** (call-in), Kathleen Tonry, **Jason Vokoun, Manuela Wagner**, Chunsheng Yang

Meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm.

1. Welcome and Regrets

A. Regrets: M. Gomes, B. Brueggemann

2. Past and Future

- A. Minutes of December 13, 2018 meeting ('Minutes_12-13-18.docx')
- Members would like Easter eggs well in advance of the holiday.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

B. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 29, 2019 2:00pm-3:30pm

C. Spring Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, January 29 – 2:00pm-3:30pm
Tuesday, February 12 – 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Monday, February 25 – 1:00pm-2:30pm (Dodd 162)
Tuesday, March 12 – 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Monday, April 1 – 1:00pm-2:30pm
Tuesday, April 16 – 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Monday, April 29 – 1:00pm-2:30pm

3. Chair's Report

A. ΔGE Working Group

- E. Schultz held discussions with the Advising Council, the Council of Deans, and Department Heads. He will present to Regional Campus Forum at Avery Point on Friday, weather permitting.
- The ΔGE should present their report to the University Senate in early April when students can attend. We will need to plan committee approvals to accommodate this timeline.
- The initial plan is to implement in Fall 2021.

- There was additional discussion of next steps after the report. The report would not enact changes; the report is a statement of the work that was done, including the proposal.
 - Implementing a plan would likely require by-law changes. It is uncertain if these changes would be initiated by GEOC, or if this work would take place in ΔGE.
- B. Provost's Competition Reception – February 13, 2019, 5:00-6:00pm – Members are invited to attend
- Please come to the reception if you are able.
- C. Members whose terms are up at the end of the Spring:
- a. Joseph Abramo (CA4) – Not eligible for renewal
 - b. Michael Bradford (CA1) – Not eligible for renewal
 - c. James Cole (Q) – Eligible for renewal
 - d. Debs Ghosh (CA2) – Eligible for renewal
 - e. Beth Ginsberg (W) – Eligible for renewal
 - f. Bernard Goffinet (CA3) – Not eligible for renewal
 - g. Manuela Wagner (SL) – Not eligible for renewal
 - h. *Eric Schultz (Chair) - Not eligible for renewal (Search currently in progress)*

- The group agreed that the role of GEOC Chair has become superfluous now that Karen does all the work, but is still needed as a figurehead so that faculty can feel they are in charge.
- Given its largely ceremonial function, there was discussion of allowing faculty to serve multiple terms as GEOC Chair.
- There was general support for allowing Chairs to serve two terms, either consecutive or non-consecutive. One GEOC member who is also a Senator was willing to bring it as a motion to the Senate.
- There was discussion of whether we should poll the GEOC to gauge the level of support for this. Probably not. We can note that there was positive discussion of the option and no one expressed strenuous disagreement, although there was some ambivalence.
- Some members felt that six years sounded like a long time. It was suggested that instead of a full second term, Chairs could be reappointed for an additional year or two after their initial three-year term.
- It was also noted that we will need CA2 replacements, especially for Fall 2019. M. Morrell is on sabbatical in Fall 2019, and D. Ghosh is on sabbatical for the full 2019-2020 AY.

4. Subcommittee Reports

- A. CA1 Report (see 'CA1 Report_1-29-19')
- a. ENGL 3635 Literature and the Environment [CA1, E] (#8461) [Level change, add CA1 and E]
 - b. HIST 3540/W American Environmental History [CA1, CA4, E, W] (#4999) [Multiple revisions and additions]
 - c. HIST/MAST 2210 History of Ocean [CA1, E] (#8660) [Adding E]
 - d. JOUR 1002 The Press in America [CA1] (#8436) [Adding CA1]

- e. JOUR 2010 Journalism in the Movies [CA1] (#8159) [Adding CA1]
 - f. WGSS 2217W Women, Gender and Film [CA1, CA4, W] (#5790) [Add CA1 and CA4]
- The subcommittee noted that the syllabus for WGSS 2217W needed more information with regard to scheduling. This should be done as a best practice.
 - It was noted that some faculty separate the syllabus and the course schedule, so perhaps this is what happened.
 - E. Schultz will ask the proposer for a more detailed syllabus that includes a schedule of instruction.

The report was accepted as submitted (approval of ENGL 3635, HIST 3540/W, HIST/MAST 2210, JOUR 1002, JOUR 2010, WGSS 2217W). JOUR 1002, JOUR 2010, HIST 3540/W, and WGSS 2217W can move forward to Senate C&C.

B. CA3 Report (No report)

- a. PHAR 1001 Toxic Chemicals and Health [CA3, E] (#8989) [Add E]
- b. PHYS 1040QE Cosmic Origins of Life [CA3, Q, E] (#9339) [New CA3, Q, and E]

C. Q Report

- a. Q assessment
 - A protocol was agreed on, so Eric Loken will be starting interviews shortly.

D. W Report (see 'W Report_1-29-19')

- a. BME 3600W Biomechanics [W] (#7491) [Revise Prereq]
 - b. ECON 2447(W) Economics of Sports (#8112) [Adding W version]
 - c. EPSY 2450 Whole Child, School, and Community: Linking Health and Education [CA2, W] (#9179) [Add W section]
 - d. HIST 3412 Intellectual and Social History of Europe in the Nineteenth Century [CA1] (#8799) [Level, title, and description change, add W section]
 - e. HIST 3413W Intellectual and Social history of Europe in the Twentieth Century [CA1, W] (#8800) [Level, title, and description change]
 - f. HIST 3540/W American Environmental History [CA1, CA4, E, W] (#4999) [Multiple revisions and additions]
 - g. MATH 3710/W Mathematical Modeling (#8537) [Adding W version; revise catalog copy]
 - h. MCB 3841W Research Literature in Molecular and Cell Biology [W] (#6026) [Revise pre-reqs]
 - i. POLS 3019/W Black Political Thought (#8747) [Adding W]
- L. Blansett noted that she is pre-screening syllabi before she sends courses to the committee now, then committee members flag additional items.
 - The BME 3600W proposal has been denied. The course will no longer be taught as a W, so the department will submit a course deletion request form.

The report was accepted as submitted (approval of HIST 3412/W, HIST 3413W, HIST 3540/W, ECON 2447/W, POLS 3019/W, EPSY 2450/W). All approved courses can move forward to Senate C&C.

- E. E Report (see 'E Report_1-29-19')
- a. EEB 3205 Current Issues in Environmental Science (#8679) [Revise recommended prep; adding CA3 & E]
 - b. ENGL 3240 American Nature Writing [E] (#8460) [Add E]
 - c. ENGL 3635 Literature and the Environment [CA1, E] (#8461) [Level change, add CA1 and E]
 - d. ENGL 3715 Nature Writing Workshop [E] (#8959) [Add E, revise description]
 - e. HIST 3540/W American Environmental History [CA1, CA4, E, W] (#4999) [Multiple revisions and additions]
 - f. HIST/MAST 2210 History of Ocean (#8660) [Adding E]
 - g. NRE 2215 Introduction to Water Resources [E] (#9159) [Add E]
 - h. NRE 2600 Global Sustainable Natural Resources [CA4-Int, E] (#9201) [Add E]
 - i. PHAR 1001 Toxic Chemicals and Health [CA3, E] (#8989) [Add E]
 - j. PHYS 1040QE Cosmic Origins of Life [CA3, Q, E] (#9339) [New CA3, Q, and E]
- The courses in the report were straightforward. The subcommittee is now zeroing in on the less-straightforward courses.

The report was accepted as submitted (approval of NRE 2600, NRE 2215, EEB 3205, HIST 3540/W, HIST/MAST 2210). All approved courses can move forward to Senate C&C.

- There was a question about whether these courses would be in the catalog. No. The cut-off is this Monday to be in the printed catalog. However, E courses can still be in PeopleSoft and can be offered in the Fall 2019.
- Given concerns about the availability of seats for E courses, E. Schultz noted that we may have to add the tracking of Gen Ed seats back into the GEOC's Annual Report.

5. Alignment Reports

- A. Q Alignment Report [SOCl 3211Q] (see 'Q Alignment Report')
- No discussion.

The report was accepted as submitted.

6. Old Business

- A. Learning Outcomes for Second Language General Education courses
- B. Possible requirement that at least one W course should be in the English language
- C. Possible change of W requirement on paper length, from page length to word number
 - There are no major updates on these items.

7. Course Action Requests

Older Requests

- A. COMM 4035W Advanced Media Effects [W] (#9484) [Revise prereqs and course number]
- No discussion.

This course was referred to W.

- B. ENGL 3122/W Irish Literature in English since 1939 [CA4-Int, W] (#8598) [Adding W section to existing non-W]
- No discussion.

This course was referred to W.

- C. HIST 1801 History of Asia in the World to 1500 [CA1, CA4-Int] (#9504) [Revise description; add CA1 and CA4-Int]
- One member questioned whether this course was ready for review. A co-chair of one of the relevant subcommittees felt it should be referred to subcommittee.

This course was referred to CA1 and CA4.

- D. HIST/AASI 3554 Immigrants and the Shaping of U.S. History [CA1, CA4-Int] (#9566) [Add CA1 and CA4-Int]

Note: The course was on hold for an inadequate syllabus. A new syllabus was received.

- There seems to be disconnect between whether the proposer wanted CA4 non-INT or CA4-INT. The proposer checked off non-INT in the CAR, but they continuously mention INT in the description.
- The course can be referred to CA4 as it stands, and E. Schultz will contact the proposer for clarification.

This course was referred to CA1 and CA4.

- E. HIST/AASI 3822 Modern China [CA1, CA4-Int] (#9543) [Add CA1 and CA4-Int]
- The course seems short on Gen Ed justification. It was noted that co-chairs may need more engagement than normal with the proposer, but the course will be referred.

This course was referred to CA1 and CA4.


- F. MARN 3003Q Environmental Reaction and Transport [Q] (#8658) [Revise prereqs]
- Note: This course was on hold pending consultation with the proposer about the need for a Q designation. The proposer would like to keep the designation.*
- This course was subjected to alignment last year.

J. Cole motioned to refer the course to Senate C&C. M. Bradford seconded.

- One member asked if it really our job to help departments issues warnings to their students. The concern was in response to the department's desire to keep the Q designation as a "warning" to students that the course is math-intensive. There was some agreement that having excessive Qs creates clutter and more work for GEOC than is needed.

- It was suggested that if we wanted to do something about this, the Q subcommittee should revise their guidelines to prohibit courses with multiple Q prerequisites from adding a Q designation. This can be part of the Q Assessment discussion as well.

The motion passed with one abstention.

Easter egg: Winter is coming. 

- G. NURS 4230W Quality Improvement and Evidence Based Practice in Nursing [W] (#9220) [Adding new W]

Note: The course was on hold for an inadequate syllabus. A new syllabus was received.

- No discussion

This course was referred to W.

New Requests

- H. ARTH 3575 Human Rights and Visual Culture [CA1, E] (#8416) [Add CA1]

- It was noted that the course should have gone through HRTS, so it was sent back.

This course was sent back to the proposer for additional approvals.

- I. DRAM 3130 Women in Theatre [CA4] (#3372) [revise title, catalog copy, and enrollment restrictions]

- This course is a Provost's Competition winner.
- At least two members wondered why the course was not being submitted for CA1 as well. Should we ask the proposer? M. Bradford will connect with the proposer and find out why CA1 was not requested.

This course will be held pending consultation.

- J. EDCI 1100 If You Love It, Teach It [CA2] (#5021) [New CA2]

- There was some question about which content areas the course is seeking. It says CA2 in the CAR, but the syllabus lists CA1, CA2, *and* CA3, although it was assumed that the proposer meant CA4, not CA3.

This course will be held pending clarification.

- K. ENVE 1000 Environmental Sustainability [CA2, E] (#10053) [Add E]

Note: ENVE 1000 was aligned in 2016-17 for CA2.

- The course was reviewed for alignment for CA2, so it does not need to be re-reviewed. It can go to E alone.

This course was referred to E.

- L. ENVE 2310 Environmental Engineering Fundamentals [E] (#10016) [Pre/Coreq revision, add E]

- No discussion.

This course was referred to E.

M. MUSI 3407W History of Jazz [CA1, CA4-Int, W] (#9161) [Add new]

- There needs to be clarification of whether the course is seeking CA4 non-INT or CA4-INT.

This course was referred to CA1, CA4 and W.

N. NRE 3145 Meteorology [E] (#9697) [Revise prereqs, add E]

- One member felt that there was a “Well, no one knows what E is, so let’s try it” mentality behind this proposal. There was a question as to whether we could send it back without forwarding it to the subcommittee.
- One member felt that the E was in fact addressed adequately and that the course should be sent to the subcommittee.
- There was discussion of the level. Why is it a 3000-level course rather than 2000-level?

This course will be held until E. Schultz can ask the proposer for more information and Gen Ed justification.

O. NRE 3146 Climatology [E] (#9812) [Add E]

- This course seemed to have many of the same issues as the previous course.

This course will be held until E. Schultz can ask the proposer for more Gen Ed justification.

P. NURS 4250 Public Health Nursing [E] (#9715) [New E]

This course was deferred until next meeting due to time constraints.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33pm

Respectfully submitted,
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