General Education Committee

Monday, February 11, 2013
10:00-12:00 – Provost’s Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes

Old Business

1. GE Review of 120 Unit Proposals: K. Bragg
   a. 120 unit initial consultation is with department chairs. Information is provided about different options available including methods used by other CSU’s.
   b. Chairs are given this list of strategies that are not limited to the major but overall including GE
   c. Good ideas came from this meeting. Chairs were going to go back. One idea double count in major related to Areas of GE. Want GEC to talk about
      i. Discussion regarding 2 English departments. Given our population to eliminate writing course- not good- taken off.
      ii. Reduce units in some lab courses to package into a 3 unit course- taken off table.
   d. M. Maki- primarily double count courses in the major with upper division requirement.
      i. i.e. Science double count SMT
   e. Either double count lower division GE or broaden lower division GE offerings- i.e. ECO 210 required in Business and Clinical Science.
2. CSC 301 Proposal (2nd reading)
   a. Concern that this is more of an SBS than an SMT course.
   b. F2. Objectives: will include from “outside the natural sciences and technology.”
   c. Manufacturing intangible items, i.e. protecting intellectual property-computers/software, software piracy.
   d. Suspended discussion of CSC 301.

New Business

1. FIN 200 Proposal (1st reading)- J. Wen, T. Norman, B. Yavas
   a. Course address financial illiteracy problem in the country.
   b. Raise personal finance awareness of the students: income tax, importance of savings, interest rates, consumer awareness, finance a home, health care, life insurance, retirement planning.
   c. Individuals are now required to make decisions about financial future and need to understand the options available.
   d. Category E of GE requirements: Financial literacy is one of the elements.
e. Link between course and objectives- finance stresses.

f. Not immediately clear objective- physiological, psychological being
   i. Death & dying- estate planning, life insurance, financial consequences of death.

g. Have a financial self. Other institutes use that.

h. M. Suchenek- Money is a way that people interact with society.

i. K. Bragg- embed discussions of ethnicity/race. Looking at families and ethnic foundation determines what money is spent on.

j. J. Badrtalei- Educate students that everything is automated.

k. M. Maki- Need to have a voice from CPS at the table. The courses are from CPS. Recommended someone to work with Finance.
   i. J. Badrtalei will work with Finance.

l. Committee agreed course is a good fit.

Resumed discussion of Old Business

2. CSC 301 Proposal (2nd reading)
   e. A major concern is the number of units.
   f. SMT felt course is not broad enough for GE.
   g. D. Best- Broaden and show how it relates to other sciences.
   h. K. Ganezer- wants to be sure the course complies with the objectives.
   i. K. Bragg- Discussion shows that the course is interdisciplinary however the document presented does not provide evidence.
   j. A. Pu-
   k. M. Suchenek- Physics course does not present as an interdisciplinary course.
   l. K. Ganezer- Need the natural science integration.
   m. A. Pu- Physics major is interdisciplinary.
   n. M. Maki- With some reworking of the syllabus/course description this would be acceptable.
      i. Suggested to bring the course back in two weeks.
   o. A. Pu- Send CSC chair the comments from the GEC meeting.
p. K. Ganezer will meet with SMT committee regarding changes then this will expedite.
q. A meeting will be set with CSC chair M. Beheshti, M. Suchenek, M. Maki and T. Haney.
r. M. Suchenek- Asked if the courses can receive temporary status for one year. Physics got a waiver to temporarily (offer a course, PHY 395, to Physics majors only that will meet the SMT requirement).
s. L. Fitzsimmons- Procedure- proposals have to go to sub-committee.
   i. Physics did not go to the subcommittee.
t. M. Suchenek- Why does the CSC course have to go through scrutiny and Physics did not.
u. M. Maki- Bring this back in two weeks at the next GEC meeting.
v. E. Magruder- Still has questions she would like to have answered.
w. L. Fitzsimmons- Understanding and supportive.

Adjourn: 12:00pm