

General Education Curriculum Committee

October 18, 2016

10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Health Center Conference Room

NOTES

**GECCo Plus: A. Duran; D. Gove; M. Slaughter; S. Daniels (10:50) [no quorum]
M. Silva, P. Newberry; K. Flachmann; R. Weller; M. Gomez.
Visitor: **John Dirkse****

1. Math 2200 and GEMS (discussion)

The committee and Dr. Dirkse discussed whether SSE should ask for a GE modification (GEM) or whether Math should be encouraged to make Math 2200 (a higher level statistics course) an A4 class. Issues and concerns discussed included:

- Math 2200 is a 4-unit class, not 3-unit like the other A4 courses.
- Advisors will have to monitor that the SSE majors enroll in the 2200 so they meet the pre-reqs and are prepared for their major classes.
- If 2200 became A4, the catalog description should indicate clearly that the course is required for certain majors (Business, Econ, Sociology, etc.).
- Dirkse requested that wording made clear that Math 1209 would not satisfy pre-reqs for SSE (and other) majors.
- Dirkse affirmed that any course in A4 and 2200 will count for A4 credit in degree audits.
- All outside courses (BC, Taft, etc.) have articulated with Math 140, only a few courses articulate with 2200. We must articulate everything to 2200, suggest a 1 unit course to bring students up to speed?
- 1009 & 1209 putting statement in course description that “these courses will not satisfy any (pre-reqs) for any other courses.”
- GEM is the course, not the department requesting it.
- David will discuss informally with Eduardo & Belen their willingness to submit 2200 as GE.

2. Report on Student Access Working Group

- Faculty Director Newberry reported that the SAWG had been meeting and making plans for data and information gathering.
- The first step occurred this morning (Tuesday, October 17) with a meeting to hear from, specifically, the school Advising Coordinators. (Attached is a list of attendees of that meeting and the membership of SAWG). When the information is tabulated and organized, it will be shared with GECCo.

- The second step will be to have Dirkse and Tommy Holiwell will find relevant data to help the group understand the importance of the concerns. This, too, will be shared with GECCo.
3. Reserving some seats for GE/Major requirement courses
 - In the SAWG meeting this morning, an issue came up about scheduling difficulties with courses that are required for departmental majors but also GE courses (that double-count as GE and major). The problem is that general students often fill up the scheduled sections before all the majors who need to take the course enroll, and the department is no longer able to just open more sections, but instead has to work with the Faculty Director to make that decision.
 - Dirkse suggested that a few seats in each of the affected sections could be reserved for majors; if they were unfilled after, say, the first or even the second week of registration, that they would open to all comers.
 - The committee favored this approach as a test case this spring, suggesting 33% of seats could be so reserved.
 - The committee agreed that departments should be encouraged to re-consider having major-required/GE courses unless they were absolutely necessary. These are a holdover from the old GE program and may not be necessary any longer. FD Newberry will take up such discussions this year.
 4. Course reviews: SCI 3209, SOC 4988
 - Due to problems with the template for SCI 3209 not being available until nearly meeting time and lack of a quorum, the group did not discuss either submission.
 - Both programs are very interested in having these courses available for Spring 2017

ACTION: please review your area of each course and record it in the relevant response document. That way FD Newberry can inform both submitters about at least preliminary ways to improve the submission prior to the October 28 meeting.
 5. Psych SELF pre-req revisions [See meeting materials folder. Two documents for Psych and SELF]
 - No quorum, no discussion. Deferred to next meeting.
 - Email to remind GECCo for next meeting.
 6. Generic Capstone (discussion)
 - Newberry informed the committee that we will need to begin offering Generic capstones soon.
 - The group discussed possibilities of such courses. Nothing was decided.