

GECCo Meeting  
Friday November 18, 2016 @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Health Center Conference Room

Members: P. Newberry, K. Flachmann, M. Slaughter, J. Tarjan, A. Hegde, C. Kloock, K. Boeck, S. Saner, B. Larson, S. Daniels, (11:15, quorum thereafter)  
Scribe: M. Silva

Agenda:

Decision items

1. Course review: SCI 3639 (Intro to Weather Dynamics: UD Area B, Theme S, reinforcing CT and QR).

Approved (with quorum) upon the condition that GE Learning Outcomes are included in the syllabus.

**ACTION:** Paul will send a letter of approval with the condition above shown in the final master syllabus.

2. 9 UD units in residence: Should AIMS carry on the current policy that 9 UD GE units be completed in residence.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of a residency requirement in GE, but did not arrive at a final position.

**ACTION:** Paul is to gather more information for a later discussion. For example, is this mandated by CSU or just a campus requirement? Do other campuses have such a requirement?

3. ECON additional pre-req request

The group is wary of creating a precedent in this case and is not sure that the additional pre-req of one economics courses is really necessary.

**ACTION:** A. Hegde (Theme S LCF and member of ECON dept) will discuss the situation with his department; GECCo will wait to hear back.

## Discussion items

### 4. FYS length—John

John Tarjan informed the committee of complaints he hears from students about having two semesters of FYS in the AIMS program. The group discussed the advantages and disadvantages of changing FYS to one 2-unit course in fall only.

**ACTION:** Interested GECCo members can write up a brief proposal for the committee to consider.

### 5. Splitting Theme S—John

John Tarjan asked the committee to consider creating a fourth thematic pathway by splitting Theme S into one for Sustainability and another for Justice. After an interesting and wide-ranging discussion of advantages and disadvantages, the committee left the issue undecided.

## Additional Agenda items added by the chair:

Assessment Coordinator update: Chair Newberry informed the committee that he and Michael Ault were trying to work out a way that Ault could do the assessment work and still be able to take his scheduled Spring sabbatical.

**ACTION:** Newberry will report back.

Guidelines for GE substitutions: Chair Newberry asked for a discussion of possible general criteria for course substitutions. This is to ensure that students only receive credit for courses that can be trusted to meet requirements similar to those of our GE program. More and more, students are petitioning for substitutions from international universities or for courses taken online from other schools. We discussed restricting substitutable courses to those schools with existing articulation agreements with CSUB or to schools that are regionally accredited (apparently more difficult to acquire than national accreditation).

**ACTION:** Paul will do further research.