

GECCo Meeting  
Friday, February 10, 2017  
2:00-4:00pm  
Health Center Conference Room

Present: P. Newberry, A. Hegde, V. Harper, K. Flachmann, K. Boeck, S. Saner, B. Larson, R. Weller, J. Moffit, J. Tarjan, D. Gove, I. Sumaya, K. O'Bannon, C. Kloock

Scribe: Melanie Silva

Meeting Notes:

Updates as needed

1. From Assessment, LCFs or others as needed
  - a. None
2. From Faculty Director
  - a. ePortfolio Pilot:
    - i. 7 courses are being introduced to the free Google ePortfolio program
    - ii. Not all faculty members will be required to use it but are recommended to do so when it is rolled out in the fall.
  - b. SAWG:
    - i. Meeting with advisors and Associate Deans for a report on problems and progress. Will bring back to GECCo.
    - ii. 'Transition year' will be effective through summer.
  - c. Graduation Initiative:
    - i. Math has the largest failure rate
      1. Trying to identify the cause of this
    - ii. Jim Drnek eager to come to workshops
    - iii. Our attempt at the end of the semester to institute a new Grading Basis for A1-A4 to A – C-/NC and CSUB 1009 and 1019 to to A – C/NC was not accomplished
      1. There were many parts of campus that we didn't consider. We are meeting with various campus parties to determine what is best for students. This issue will return to GECCo with information.
3. Pilot Block Scheduling update – Vernon Harper
  - a. The GE Faculty Director should be the lead on Block Scheduling.
  - b. The current unit average is 13.7 – at this rate, they will fall behind; Block Scheduling will increase student unit averages.
  - c. For the fall pilot, all first time freshman who are undeclared will have a schedule (they do have the power to change it). Pilot will start Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

- d. \$30,000 has been set aside by the Provost to offer a Block Scheduling Summer Institute this August for chairs, associate deans, and program managers.

#### Decision Items

4. Requesting a policy for Quarter courses that were not in the old GE/UWR but have a converted to a Semester equivalent that is in the new GE.
  - a. APPROVED: Courses that are GE now but were not GE in the previous GE program will count for the new GE. However, they will not count toward the minor.
5. Requesting a policy for students who need to retake CSUB 1009.
  - a. The committee discussed options, but made no decision. We do not have the proper information to know what changes to recommend at this time.
6. FYS grading
  - a. The fall failure rate for CSUB 1009 was lower than expected. The committee was asked to consider a suggestion that the course be graded on attendance only. The group rejected that option in part because there is no incentive to teach if students just “show up” and pass.
7. GE Course Substitution Policy draft
  - a. Adjust the ‘credible schools’ portion in the policy to be more defined
  - b. APPROVED the draft policy (with changes described above)
8. Process for re-evaluation of courses
  - a. 2 year courses will have to be re-evaluated next year.
  - b. This term we need something clear and in place.
  - c. Asked for 3 or 4 members of GECCo to create a process for re-evaluation.
    - i. Kamala Boeck, David Gove and (Michael Ault? Ask, he was not in attendance).
  - d. ACTION: Paul will send out email for those who were not here
9. Process for feeder school GE submissions
  - a. Asked for 3 members of GECCo to create a process for feeder school course submission.
  - b. Committee: John Tarjan (more to come)
  - c. Consider Kelly O’Bannon’s husband as a point of contact for concurrent enrollment for KHSD.
10. GECCo members as mentors for courses up for review
  - a. GECCo office hours – take shifts
  - b. Take to DCLC