

GECCo Meeting
Friday September 22, 2017 2:00pm-4:00pm
Health Center Conference Room

Members Present: P. Newberry, K. Obannon, **C. MacQuarrie**, **C. Kloock**, **J. Tarjan**, A. Hegde, J. Moffit, S. Saner, **S. Daniels**, **A. Duran**, S. Medina, **D. Gove**, B. Larson, R. Weller, **I. Sumaya**

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Agenda

1. Nursing request from last meeting: Extending the Nursing GEM the two Upper-Division GE requisite requirement (BSN students are not affected; just RN-BSN).
 - a. Issue is that the students do not have any spare units
 - b. Courses & exams taken at BC towards RN-BSN are accepted
 - c. JT moves to create GEM. SD seconds.
 - d. All **approve**: Waiver for UD Area D extended to RN-BSN students.
2. GECCo subcommittees/working groups.
 - a. It is best for GECCo members to be direct representatives for their own school.
 - b. First group for course recertification
 - c. Second group for the sustainability of GE. Group should think about what is needed for the continuation of GE in the most cost effective way.
 - d. Third group is for assessment. How do we close the loop? One member from each school should be the messenger and collector of all assessment information.
 - e. Fourth group is the 'big picture' committee. Do our policies and procedures make sense?
 - f. Fifth group, Campus Communications, to be in charge of monitoring the website and making it user friendly and easier to navigate.
 - g. GECCo members are to choose 2 groups that they would like to be a part of. Mention if you would like to be a lead? (email or return to PN)
3. New course reviewer assignments.
 - a. J. Tarjan & M. Slaughter might switch Area C & FYS
 - b. C. Kloock & A. Duran agree to switch Theme S & SELF
 - c. Please return additional requests for changes to assignment by next meeting on 10/06/2017
4. Invite UDB chairs to GECCo meeting to discuss ways to bring down UDB cap numbers? Discussion:
 - a. Manpower & funding issue. Cannot reinforce skills with large class size.
 - b. Departments will reduce GE classes before they reduce major classes.
 - c. Faculty needs to be involved in the decision making.

- d. Have GECCo prepare conversation before bringing in UDB chairs.
 - e. Is this something worth inviting the Provost over?
 - f. Will talk about priorities next meeting. (**Add to meeting agenda for 10/6**)
5. Reconsider policy for FYS exception for previous college units.
- a. Current policy: If students transfer fewer than 12 units, they take CSUB 1009 & CSUB 1019. If they come in with 12-29 units, they take CSUB 1019 only. If they transfer in above 30 units, no CSUB course is necessary.
 - b. It will take several terms before we know the amount of units.
 - i. Does AP/CLEP/Dual Course credit count?
 - c. J. Dirkse suggests policy change to: new students designated as Freshmen must take both courses; students designated as Transfer take neither.
 - i. Since no one was knowledgeable about the criteria used for these designations, GECCo decided to invite John Dirkse to 10/6/17 meeting to clarify.
 - ii. **Add to 10/6 agenda and invite Dirkse.**
6. Faculty Director review policy.
- a. Governing language from compendium needs changes.
 - b. Wording changes based off of Senate Documents.
 - c. Have the group review about said changes.
 - i. According to Tarjan, GECCo decision should not need Senate approval.
 - ii. **Add document to Meeting Materials for 10/6 meeting and add to agenda.**
7. GECCo absence/alternative/substitute policy.
- a. Can we have subs or alternates?
 - i. Subs or alternates must be up to date on issues before the committee; cannot spend meeting time catching them up.
 - b. Alternates would have same authority plus voting rights.
 - c. First approve language changes (#7) then will discuss subs/alternates.
 - i. **Add document to Meeting Materials for 10/6 meeting and add to agenda.**
8. Uniformity of language for JYDR: recommend Junior-Year Diversity and Reflection as the official name of the course. Correct TOC and JYDR area info.
- a. All approve to make changes: new title Junior-Year Diversity and Reflection.
9. EO 1100 UD reciprocity agreement: what shall we do with JYDR and Diversity courses taken at other CSUs?
- a. We have to accept any lower-division courses from a CSU.
 - b. What about JYDR
 - i. Will they have to test out of the reflection part?
 - 1. Assignment not an exam.

- ii. Have a 1 credit for a GE reflection course?
- iii. **No decision made.**

10. Splitting Theme S

- a. Sustainability is very popular with minors for students.
 - b. If we take out justice, there might not be enough demand for “Theme J”
 - c. If you emphasize the AND in Sustainability and Justice, then you have to include each other among courses.
 - d. How many students are taking thematic minors?
 - e. What are the learning outcomes for sustainability?
 - f. Do we require each theme to take a capstone?
 - g. **No decision made**
11. Next agenda: How to get people to come & talk in each other’s classes, especially for Thematic courses in different disciplines. Think of ways to do that for those that have expertise in the particular field. Maybe offer stipend?