General Education Committee Meeting  
November 18, 2016

Attendees: Lisa Covert, Renling Jin, Shawn Morrison (Chair), Gioconda Quesada, Nathaniel Walker; Lynne Ford; Divya Bhati, Joshua Bloodworth  
Guests: Mark Del Mastro; Bryan Ganaway; Mike Maher  
Recorded by Shawn Morrison

1. The committee approved the minutes from November 4, 2016.

2. Proposals
   a. LTSP 250: approved; the word Humanities was added to the syllabus
   b. LTSP 252: approved; the word Humanities was added to the syllabus
   c. HONS 281: pending, waiting for the word Humanities to be added to the syllabus
   d. HONS 382: Not approved for the following reasons:
      1. Justification for 300-level not sent -- the chair of the Gen Ed committee, Shawn Morrison, apologized for forgetting to inform Bryan Ganaway that we needed that justification.
      2. Syllabus was corrected; however, the signature assignment does not meet the General Education Social Science Rubric.
      3. The committee recommended that the Honors Committee write a justification for the 300-level courses being used for Gen Ed, and that they create a common signature assessment for all interdisciplinary Honors courses that can be used for Social Science.
      4. The committee requested that the same syllabus be resubmitted to show how that course fits the criteria and the performance descriptions for Social Science.
   e. ITST 390: approved
   f. LTIT 450: not approved. The committee recommended that the Italian Studies Program revise, rename, and renumber the course to fit with the College of Charleston's policy on course numbering. These recommendations included the following rationale:
      1. Students may not understand that a 400-level course is appropriate for the General Education requirement; they may think it is too hard.
      2. As the course is configured now, there is no way to include the content on the course in the catalogue, so students don't currently know what will be taught in it.
      3. It would be clearer that it is a General Education course for everyone if it is at the 100 level.
   g. LTFR 150: approved
   h. LTFR 250: approved
   i. HIST 241: approved

   a. The committee discussed a petition for an exception to the rule that students take two courses in the same region. The student is graduating in Spring 2017, the student has a required course in the major that meets at the same time as the
only course offered in the required geographical region this spring meets. The committee granted the exception, requesting the student to work with his/her advisor.

b. A student requested to have a Spoleto course count for humanities, even though the course is not a humanities course. The committee denied the request, due to the fact that the humanities courses are clearly listed on the Registrar's Website, as well as in the student's Degree Works Audit.

4. Divya Bhati asked the committee to save the dates of March 27 - March 30, 2017 for the on-site visit of SACS-COC. They will be meeting with the General Education committee to discuss General Education.

5. Items 4, 5, and 6 from the agenda were not discussed today; they will be on the agenda for our next meeting, December 2, 2016.

6. For the good of the order: Gia will open up the drop box on Oaks for submissions. We will remind everyone that January 20 is the deadline, as announced, for this year.

7. Adjournment, 12:05.