The Committee on General Education met Thursday, April 17, at 3:00 p.m. in 353 RSS

Committee Members
Present: Chris Warnick, Charles Calvert, Roxane Delaurell, Karen Smail, Karen Berg

I. The following actions were taken during the meeting

• Courses (New):

  **HUMANITIES:**

  1. URST 398 Special Topics (Approved)

• Courses (Recertifications):

  **SOCIAL SCIENCE:**

  • URST 399 Special Topics (Approved)

II. Karen Smail was elected next year’s Committee on General Education Chair.
The Committee on General Education met Thursday, March 30, at 3:00 p.m. in 353 RSS

Committee MembersPresent: Chris Warnick, Charles Calvert, Roxane Delaurell, Karen Smail, Karen Berg

I. The following actions were taken during the meeting

• **Courses (New):**

**MATH OR LOGIC:**

1. HONS 216: Conceptual Tour of Contemporary Mathematics  (Approved)

**HUMANITIES:**

1. AFST 202: Special Topics in African Studies  (Approved)
2. CLAS 223: Aegean Prehistory  (Approved)
3. CLAS 225: The Archaeology of Athens  (Approved)
4. CLAS 226: The Archaeology of Rome  (Approved)
5. CLAS 320: State Formation in the Mediterranean World  (Approved)
6. CLAS 322: Mediterranean Landscapes  (Approved)
7. CLAS 324: Ancient Mediterranean Economies  (Approved)
8. CLAS 343: Luxury and Status in Ancient Rome  (Approved)
9. CLAS 345: Love, Beauty, and Sexuality in the Greco-Roman World  (Approved)
10. HONS 173 Honors Introduction to International Studies  (Approved)
11. URST 398 Special Topics  (Not Approved)

• **Courses (Recertifications):**

**HUMANITIES:**

1. AFST 101 Introduction to African Civilizations  (Approved)
2. HONS 170: Honors Intro to Philosophy  (Approved)
3. HONS 175: Approaches to Religion  (Approved)
4. HONS 180: Honors Business & Consumer Ethics  (Approved)

**SOCIAL SCIENCE:**

• URST 399 Special Topics  (Not Approved)

The Committee adjourned at 4 pm.
The Committee on General Education met Thursday, January 30, at 3:00 p.m. in 353 RSS

Committee Members in attendance were Charles Calvert, Karen Smail, James Williams, Chris Warnick, Karen Berg and Robert Mignone. This constituted a quorum. Guests: Shawn Morrison, Gia Quesada, and Mary Bergstrom.

Actions

I. The following courses were considered for general education recertification within the designated requirements:

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

1. HON 163 Honors Psychology (recert) Approved conditioned upon correcting the signature assignment so that it was not a multi-part essay and conforms to the Social Sciences rubric
2. URST 101 (Formally 201) Introduction To Urban Studies Approved conditioned upon correcting the signature assignment so that it conforms to the Social Sciences rubric
3. URST 310 Urban Planning Approved conditioned upon correcting the signature assignment so that it is not a part of a group project and conforms to the Social Sciences rubric. Using a biography paper does not align with the rubric.

II. The following courses were considered for general education initial certification within the designated requirements. The CGE recommendations will be forwarded to the Senate for consideration:

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

4. URST 320 Town and Country Planning Approved conditioned upon correcting the signature assignment so that it is not a part of a group project and conforms to the Social Sciences rubric. Using a biography paper does not align with the rubric.
5. URST 360 Land Use Law Approved conditioned providing a signature assignment

Discussions (Non action items)

1. The committee discussed the issue of deciding whether or not to close new general education courses beginning next year for a fixed number of years. A meeting will be called for Thursday, February 13 to consider this.
2. The committee discussed the results of the Fall 2013 assessment of general education, which took place earlier this month. We agreed that the effort was a valuable learning experience and the ARGs have concrete ideas for improving it. The results of the gen ed assessment were put into this context, with the expectation that spring results would represent a much better reflection of the overall effectiveness of our general education program in achieving the agreed upon goals. This will guide us towards modifications and improvements of Gen Ed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm. Bob Mignone, Committee Chair
Minutes

The Committee on General Education met Thursday, November 21, at 3:00 p.m. in 353 RSS. Faculty committee members in attendance were James Williams, Karen Smail, Karen Berg, Chris Warnick, and Bob Mignone. Also in attendance were Lynne Ford, Cathy Boyd, Bryan Ganaway, Gretchen McLaine, Karen Hauschild, Beatriz Maldonado-Bird, and Gia Quesada.

I. Approved for general education recertification are the following courses within the designated requirements:

SOCIAL SCIENCES

1. ANTH 205 Language and Culture

HISTORY

1. HONS 121 Honors Colloquium in Western Civilization (Pre-Modern)
2. HONS 131 Honors Colloquium in Western Civilization (Modern)

HUMANITIES

1. HONS 122 Honors Colloquium in Western Civilization
2. HONS 132 Honors Colloquium in Western Civilization
3. HPCP 199 Introduction To Historic Preservation

II. Approved for general education initial certification are the following courses within the designated requirements.

HUMANITIES

1. DANC 150 Dance Appreciation
2. THTR 288 Selected Topics in Theatre Literature and Criticism
3. THTR 488 Selected Topics in Theatre II; Literature and Criticism

SOCIAL SCIENCES

1. INTL 120 Economics of Globalization
At its September 12, 2013 meeting, the Committee on General Education approved the following courses for certification under each of the following General Education Requirements.

**Approved**

**HUMANITIES:**

1. DANC 290 Special Topics in Dance
2. DANC 330 History of Non-Western Dance
3. DANC 331 History of Western Dance

The Committee also approved a recommendation for the elimination of areas from the Humanities requirement, allowing the approval criteria to govern approval for general education certification within this requirement. The recommendation is to replace

**Current Wording:**

The Liberal Arts and Sciences General Education Requirements:

Humanities: 12 credit hours from the following areas with no more than six credit hours in any one of the following areas:

- British or American literature
- Any foreign literature
- Art history (not courses in studio art)
- Music (not courses in practice or performance of music)
- Theatre (not courses in practice or performance of theatre)
- History (excluding the classes used to satisfy the general education history requirement)
- Philosophy
- Religious studies

(Certain interdisciplinary courses may also be applied to the humanities requirement. For a listing of humanities courses, visit the Office of the Registrar's website.)

**Proposed wording:**

Humanities: 12 credit hours from approved humanities courses, with no more than six credit hours with the same prefix. (For a listing of humanities courses, visit the Office of the Registrar's website.)
At its August 29, 2013 meeting, the Committee on General Education approved the following courses for certification under the each of the following General Education Requirements.

**Apporved**

**HUMANITIES:**

1. CPLT 200 Special Topics in Comparative Literature
2. CPLT 390 Special Topics in Comparative Literature
3. ENGL 226 Survey of World Literature
4. JWST 245/ENGL 191 Introduction to Jewish-American Literature
5. JWST 335 Modern Jewish Politics
6. LATN 305 Medieval Latin
7. LTAR 220 Modern Arabic Fiction

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

1. HONS 167 Introduction to Sociology

The Committee also reviewed (pending suggested modifications), forms for the evaluation of courses proposed for initial general education certification under the seven requirements: Foreign Language, History (Pre-modern and Modern), Humanities, Math/Logic, Natural Science, Social Science, Writing; and a form for courses proposed to be removed from general education status.

The Committee then discussed the inherent difficulties in resolving when a proposed course for one requirement seems a better fit (in terms of the approval criteria) for a different requirement.

The Committee then discussed the other motion on the agenda: the elimination of areas for the Humanities requirement, and specific disciplinary/course categories for English (Writing), Natural (or Physical) Science, Mathematics or Logic, and Social Science, allowing the approval criteria to govern approval for general education certification within those requirements. The motion was not voted on but will be taken up at its next meeting.

CGE members present: Roxane DeLaurell, Charles Calvert, Karen Berg, Karen Smail, James Williams, Chris Warnick and Bob Mignone. Shawn Morrison assisted the committee in its consideration of the proposed courses’ alignment for assessment.

Penny Brunner passed around a copy of SACSCOC CR 2.7.3 General Education Core Requirements and Recommended Evidence.

Also present: Larry Krasnoff, Gretchen McClain, Tim Johnson, Kay Smith, Cathy Boyd, Penny Brunner, Gia Quesada and Karin Roof.