

GEOC Meeting October 22, 2007

In attendance: Katharina von Hammerstein, Clare Eby, Tom Deans, Jane Goldman, Cora Lynn Deibler, John Troyer, Dean Hanink, Peter Gogarten, Hedley Freaake, Xae Alicia Reyes, Anabel Perez, Tom Roby, Niloy Dutta, William Lott, Marie Cantino, John Bennett, Arnie Dashefsky.

Meeting called to order at 12:05pm.

1. **Minutes** from last meeting, with 1 correction on first page “last”, approved as written.

Motion approved.

3. **Announcements**

- Global certificate- GEOC was clear in its objection to having the Global Certificate administered out of GEOC.
 - GEOC is not an administrative body
 - It is not part of GEOC’s mandate
 - The pros and cons conversation about the global certificate will be reported to the Global Education Curriculum Taskforce
- General Education Competitions: Katharina von Hammerstein has made very clear that the three competitions are separate and distinct competitions.
- GEOC membership: we are still looking for a new GEOC member to chair the CA4 subcommittee. We are also looking for a member to co-chair the Information Literacy subcommittee. Carolyn Lin’s name has been suggested. Katharina von Hammerstein will propose Lin to the Nominating Committee. Andrea Hubbard has also been proposed as a possible Info Lit subcommittee member. Laura Schlesselman may also be a possible Info Lit member.
- Second Language Literacy requirement language has been updated to reflect the most current language.
 - Arnie Dashefsky has expressed concerns that the requirements do not support true language education. There are constituencies at the University that do not support an increase in second language requirements. The compromise has been to retain the requirements as they existed prior to the new general education system.
 - Is there a way to put the onus on the high schools increase the number of years students take language education classes.
 - 80% of incoming students have completed their second language requirement. Katharina von Hammerstein suggests that more could be done to target these students.
 - The GEOC thinks that the second language requirement language needs to be reexamined. Katharina has suggested that this be an agenda item in the future.
 - Jane Goldman recommends that GEOC invites the original members of the committee that reviewed the second language requirement.
 - Marie Cantino cautions that the difference between this conversation and the previous conversation needs to be explicit.
 - Jane Goldman pointed to the word “articulateness” in the second language requirement competency language. Xae Alicia Reyes will take this to the Second Language Subcommittee for editing.
- AACU- one more proposal has been submitted by Manuela Wagner and Lynne Goodstein.
- Unified CAR form: Anabel Perez has updated to GEOC the status of the Unified CAR form. Tammy Gifford and Anabel Perez have been working with UITS to create a new CAR form to streamline the submission and approval process.

4. Subcommittee Reports

CA3 Science and Technology

CA3 recommends the **approval** of the following course:

BME/ CSE/MCB 120 Honors Core: Computational Molecular Biology

The AHS 1030 Interdisciplinary Approach to Obesity Prevention, like many interdisciplinary courses, is half of a CA3 course. This is an Honors Interdisciplinary Course Competition winner. Marie Cantino is unclear about how GEOC should review these courses.

A discussion ensued:

- Jane Goldman has expressed some concern with approving a course that is only half a science course.
- William Lott mentioned that the 2007 Provost's Competition noted interdisciplinary courses as a goal of the competition. To then discourage approval of these courses is contradictory.
- The General Education CA3 guidelines do not articulate how "science" is defined.

Clare Eby has suggested that we postpone a vote until the next GEOC meeting, November 5, 2007. CA4 will review this course later this afternoon. In the meantime, the proposal will be made forwarded to the full GEOC with the request that thoughts/concerns be forwarded to CA3 chairs.

Motion to approve BME/CSE course carried.

Writing Competency

The Writing Competency recommends **approval** of the following courses:

GEOL 290W Geoscience and Society
MATH 201W Undergraduate Seminars
MCB 2YYW [3996W] Research Thesis in Molecular and Cell Biology

Motion to approve the W report. Motion carried.

CA1 Arts and Humanities

The CA1 subcommittee recommends **revision** of the following proposal for intersession teaching:

ART 135 Art Appreciation

The CA1 subcommittee received a revised proposal for ART 135, but has not yet reviewed that version.

CAR Form Guidelines

Marie Cantino presented the edited version of the Guidelines for Course Proposals. These guidelines should only include a pared down version of the General Education guidelines, so long as a link to the full guidelines is included at the top of the document.

The following recommendations have been made:

- Hedley Freake suggests making this version of the guidelines A LOT shorter by deleting anything not pertaining to completing the form.
- Linking to the complete GEOC guidelines may make sense, rather than making a separate document.

5. INTD 150 Alcohol and Drugs on Campus

Richard Rockwell, SOCI, has written a letter to GEOC in complaint of CA2 approval of INTD 150. He has asked that GEOC consider de-listing the course from gened. Further, if this cannot be done, he has asked that CLAS C&CC consider amending the CLAS general education requirements to not include this course. Richard Rockwell has also erroneously identified the course as NURS/COMM.

A GEOC discussion ensued:

- Courses cannot be delisted.
- All approvals we received for this course, prior to reporting to the Senate.
- CLAS C&CC does not have the jurisdiction to approve or unapprove a course for general education.

Respectfully submitted,

Anabel Perez
GEOC Administrator