

Council on General Education Minutes
February 23, 2021
10-11:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting

Presiding: Chris Worland

Present: Brian Aitken, Mary Elaine Califf, Stella Liao, Sally Parry, Carla Pohl, Lillian Ridinger, Liz Sattler, Georgia Tsouvala, Gary Weilbacher, Xing Wang, Amy Wood, and Chris Worland

Worland called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Action Items:

1. Approval of February 9, 2021 Minutes

Worland asked if there were any corrections to the February 9, 2021 minutes as submitted. There were no corrections. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

2. SOC 195 Sociology of Popular Culture (existing course proposed for SS designation)

The course was proposed by Ryan Gray, Director of Student Services, Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Worland reminded Council members that the course had been previously presented to the Council. At the time, the Council did not approve the initial request for the course to have the ICL designation and sent revision suggestion to the proposer. Council members felt the ability of the course to fulfill ICL criteria was too dependent upon the course's instructor and felt the SS designation may be a more appropriate fit.

Parry and Califf noted the department seemed to have taken the Council's advice and they both felt the course was now a good fit for the SS designation. Weilbacher liked the course as well but asked if a rationale had been provided as to why the course would be a good fit for General Education. Worland confirmed a detailed rationale had been provided as part of supporting documentation but noted it was in a different format than what the Council was accustomed to seeing.

Parry noted it would be nice that if in the future all proposals had supporting documentation such as the one provided. Worland agreed it made it much easier to connect the dots as to how everything was related. Parry suggested it would be useful to create guidelines for course proposal submitters as it would be helpful to both them and the Council when reviewing courses. Worland agreed having it would be nice to have more standardization and asked if Parry would be willing to work on it. Parry responded she had done so in the past and would send Worland what she had from the last time.

A motion was made by Parry to approve the course for the SS designation. Califf seconded.

All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion passed.

Pohl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Weilbacher seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Soemer Simmons