

Council on General Education Minutes
February 9, 2021
10-11:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting

Presiding: Chris Worland

Present: Brian Aitken, Mary Elaine Califf, Tony Marinello, Sally Parry, Carla Pohl, Liz Sattler, Georgia Tsouvala, Gary Weilbacher, Xing Wang, Tina Williams, Amy Wood, and Chris Worland

Guests:
Malinda Aiello, Program Director, Illinois Articulation Initiative

Worland called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Action Items:

1. Approval of January 26, 2021 Minutes

Worland asked if there were any corrections to the January 26, 2021 minutes as submitted. There were no corrections. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

2. IDS 109 Transfer Student Seminar (course revision)

The course revision was proposed by Jamillah Gilbert, University College.

Worland noted the proposal had been reviewed by the Council in the fall. At the time, the Council requested the course description be edited to conform with 20-word maximum guideline. The Council also requested additional thought be given into making proposed assignments more accessible for distance learning.

Gilbert worked with staff within University College to make the suggested changes. Parry noted the rationale appeared reasonable to allow the course to move up to a higher level and was in favor of now approving the proposed changes.

A motion was made by Parry to approve the course revisions as presented. Pohl seconded.

11 in favor, none opposed, one abstained.

The motion passed.

3. Children's Studies Minor (program revision)

The program revision was proposed by Dr. Gregory Braswell, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology.

Worland noted the revision included adjusting course electives as several courses were no longer being offered. The History courses would become part of Humanities as opposed to Social Sciences. Parry added that History is going to be recognized as a Humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences and approval is currently working its way through the Academic Senate.

In addition to changes in the course list, the minor would drop from 24 required hours to 21 required hours. Parry noted this change was in line with other minors similar to this one and that it was one of the more popular IDS minors. Califf agreed the proposal seemed to be part of reasonable house keeping and thought the requested changes were reasonable.

A motion was made by Aitken to approve the Children's Studies minor proposed revisions as presented. Califf seconded.

12 in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion passed.

Information/Discussion Items:

4. CGE Charge Review Update

Proposed revisions to the charge were given to the Academic Senate's Executive Committee for review. Worland was unsure of the meeting's outcome. An update will be provided by Hurd at the next meeting.

5. General Education Program Review

The topic of a General Education program review was brought up during the Rules Committee meeting he and Hurd attended. The Committee requested the Council discuss what such a review process would look like and come up with a proposal.

Worland believed this request has been tabled but will ask Hurd to provide an update at the next meeting.

6. Student Representatives

With the recent resignations, the Council no longer has any student representation for this spring semester. If anyone knows of any students who would like to participate, please send their names to Simmons and she will follow-up with them.

Tsouvala made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Parry seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Soemer Simmons