

## **Council on General Education Minutes**

**August 20, 2024**

**10:00-11:00 a.m., STV 140**

**Presiding:** Amy Hurd

**Present:** Brian Aitken, Allison Antink Meyer, Gregory Braswell, Linda Clemmons, Amy Hurd, Katie Krcmarik, Brian Rejack, and Rocio Rivadeneyra

**Guests:** Emily Baldoni

Hurd called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### **Action Items:**

#### **1. Introductions**

Introductions were made. Hurd notified the Council the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) representative to the Council will be appointed at the next UCC meeting.

#### **2. Overview of the Council**

Hurd gave a brief overview of the Council and its responsibilities.

#### **3. Election of Chair**

Hurd opened the floor for nominations. Aitken asked if anyone knew if Gregory Ferrence would be interested in serving as chair again. Hurd responded Ferrence had contacted her and said he would be willing to serve again as chair if nominated.

Aitken nominated Ferrence to serve as chair. Seconded by Antink Meyer.

All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion carried.

Hurd continued to preside over the meeting in Ferrence's absence.

#### **4. Approval of April 30, 2024 Minutes**

Hurd asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as submitted. There were no corrections. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

#### **5. African American Studies Minor (IDS minor program revision)**

The proposal was submitted by Ron Gifford, Director of Academic Programs, Department of History.

Hurd noted that among the changes, the proposal reduced the number of core courses from six to three, moved ENG 165 from a core course to an elective course, increased elective course options from four to five and remained at 18 hours required for the minor. Rivadeneyra and Rejack wondered why ENG 165 was moved to an elective and wondered if the Department of English had been notified of the change. Rivadeneyra asked if Braswell had been included in any of the conversations and Braswell responded he had not been involved.

A motion was made by Rejack to table the proposal for more information regarding the rationale of changing ENG 165 to an elective and clarification of whether the Department of English was notified of the change. Seconded by Braswell.

All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion carried.

Hurd will contact the minor directors for additional information.

#### **6. The Studies of Global Asia Minor (New IDS minor program)**

The proposal was submitted by Dr. Nobuko Adachi, Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology.

Hurd informed Council members the proposal was for a new minor with an 18-hour requirement. The setup for the minor is similar to African American Studies in that students would take three hours of core credit and 15 hours of electives. Antink Meyer noted that students were encouraged to take FCS 392, but the course was not listed as a course option on the proposal. Clemmons added there was an email included in the proposal's supporting documentation from the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences Chair, Dr. Marla Reese-Webber, supporting the request to use the course. Hurd will follow-up with Reese-Webber.

Rejack asked if limiting students to six hours within one department was common. Aitken responded it was not uncommon but had concerns that the requirement would limit students to only one language course as those courses are four credit hours each. He also noted there was an editorial error in the proposal as the course listed for Japanese should be JPN 112 and not JPN 121. Rejack expressed concern this would then limit the number of course options students would have for the minor as there were limited course options from other departments if students were limited in the amount of language courses allowed.

A motion was made by Aitken to table the course for more information regarding FCS 392, the number of hours allowed by the department, and the editorial error. Seconded by Rejack.

All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion carried.

Hurd will follow-up with Adachi and Reese-Webber for additional information.

#### **Discussion/Information Items:**

##### **7. Curriculum Software Update**

Hurd informed the Council the curriculum software process had had a rocky summer, and the proposal was currently under consideration by the Provost. She reminded members the current system is homegrown, outdated, and unable to have any changes made to it. Until a contract is approved, Hurd is unable to share the name of the selected vendor. Rivadeneyra asked what Hurd and other reviewers liked about the selected vendor. Hurd responded the vendor was built using the Oracle platform so the University would not have to try and retrofit a Banner product to our current system. She thought it was

a smoother process and had functionality regarding searches, routing, and filtering we currently are not capable of in the current system.

#### **8. General Education Revision Update**

Hurd informed the Council the General Education Revision proposal was sent to the Academic Senate over the summer. The Academic Senate Executive Committee met yesterday to begin discussions, but Hurd did not know what those discussions involved. She added it will be Chairperson Dr. Martha Horst's focus this fall but Hurd did not know how the Senate would choose to route the proposal for review internally. Hurd thought it was likely there would not be a vote on the proposal until spring.

A motion was made by Antink Meyer to adjourn. Seconded by Rejack.

Meeting adjourned: 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Soemer Simmons