

Chicago State University  
University General Education Committee

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Minutes for Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

I. Welcome 12:34

Voting members present: S. Christofferson (Chair), A. Redman, T. Davis, L. Osika, S. Buck (Acting Secretary), J. Jackson, E. Delgado-Norris, J. Kolendo, C. Ohale

Ex-officio members present: E. Arnott-Hill, M. Sudeith, S. Rowe (outgoing chair), P. Cronce, B. Belisle

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

- Note that S. Christofferson will no longer bring hard copies of the minutes. Please have a hard or soft copy of your own. Minutes will eventually be posted on the Gen Ed website.
- J. Jackson moved, J. Kolendo seconded: approved with one abstention

III. Old Business

UGEC membership updates

- Who is the current Director of Evaluations? Person is to be invited to the meeting.
- Contacted Chair of Math dept requesting Math rep.
- Will be adding another member from the COB
- Difficulty filling CHS position because are few Unit A faculty in the college. Monique may need to send replacement due to other commitment. S. Christofferson has contacted Dean of CHS twice asking for someone. Dean should contact all the Chairs to see if anyone will run. Person should not be appointed.
- Is having a representative (rather than actual member) something Gen Ed is interested in? At another meeting, may need to discuss revisions of by-laws surrounding membership. It was suggested to wait until the new President arrives to see if there will be new hires across the campus.
- P. Cronce indicated he did not receive a ballot for the Foreign Language election. L. Osika said she would check on the issue.

COE math exemptions

- Change to an existing degree program (Initial Licensures for Early Childhood, PE, Secondary Ed). Wish to retain Math 1010/1020 as the Gen Ed requirement.
  - (it should be noted that the Gen Ed curriculum has not officially been approved yet)
  - Discussion regarding whether Math 1010/1020 provides the needed skills for students to pass the TAP. Math 1200 does not appear to cover all areas of math on the TAP. Suggestion to have the Chair of the Math department and the Chairs of the affected programs to attend a Gen Ed meeting.
- Suggestions:
1. Table until decision from Provost
  2. Invite the Chairs to the next meeting
  3. Ask the Chair of the math department what he thinks of the proposal
  4. Vote on the proposal now
    - Art moved, Tiffany seconded: Table proposal, first agenda item at next meeting. Invite COE and CAS relevant Chairs, Coordinator of Spanish, and Math Chair to next Gen Ed meeting.
      - Approved with 2 abstain

#### IV. New Business

Meetings for spring semester 2016, all in NAL-CTRE 301

- We will continue to meet in LIB 301 for the rest of the academic year

UGEC website editor needed

- Gen Ed website is under Provost tab. All information needs to be updated. Need someone to volunteer to be the site editor> J. Kolendo volunteered.

History program change: HSST (Secondary education in history)

- Reduce number of credit hours based on NCATE (CAEP) accreditation from 2012. Eliminate minor in Geography and have a broader distribution of Social Sciences courses for History majors. Eliminate additional Math requirement over and above university requirement. More closely aligns with new Gen Ed curriculum, but has similar issue to above with COE and math. Need to amend their proposal to read Math 1200 or above.
- Motion: A. Redmon moved to approve proposal; J. Jackson seconded> approved unanimously

V. Reports From the Chair Concerning:  
Faculty Senate

- S. Christofferson attended FS on 11/3: Senators approved the curriculum content of the Gen Ed report, which was provided as a report by UCCC. Concern raised about math courses not counting as Critical Thinking.

Suggestion to drop Interdisciplinary requirement from CAS to ease advising issues.

Faculty Fora held in October

- Discussion relating to attendance at the fora. Questions from faculty at the fora were often about their own areas and how they will be affected (e.g., teaching load), some about the math and CMAT requirements.

Academic Affairs curriculum committee conference as held Thursday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Gathered heads of all curriculum committees across campus to discuss the process and improvements that could be made, such as the flow of actions, the forms, etc. Each person was charged with returning to the next meeting with things they believe are in their purview (i.e., what is their committee looking for). There will be additional future meetings to address the process.

UCCC meeting was held Tuesday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

- S. Christofferson attended the meeting to explain the Gen Ed curriculum. Result was a unanimous vote in favor of the courses. Next step is for S. Christofferson to send the information to Academic Affairs.
- P. Cronic suggested to do a short summary of the report to make it easier for people to understand. Regarding Critical Thinking, people should be reminded that prior to 2007, there was no math that counted as Critical Thinking.

Academic Affairs/Provost's Office

\*\*Future agenda item: empower S. Christofferson to make decisions on minor issues related to proposals

VI. Adjournment 1:55