

## General Education Committee Minutes

December 7, 2018

### CETES 207/Sarkeys Conference Room

**Present**- Cathy Blackman, Travis Childs (Chair), Marco Columbus, James Dover, Mandy Husak, Sarah Janda, Danyelle Lee, Hong Li, Edna McMillan, Edris Montalvo, Kyle Moore, Karla Oty, Ali Soyly, Mathew van Sant, and Wensheng Wang.

**Absent**- Micah Coleman (student representative), Marge Kingsley, and Dyneisha Kornegay (student representative).

**Time**- 9:32 a.m.

1. **Approval of April Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were reviewed. There were some corrections needed. Ali Solyu was present at the November meeting. Item 6 needed a wording change to clarify that the discussion was about baccalaureate seeking students. Sarah Janda made a motion to approve with minutes with the corrections. Edris Montalvo second. The motion passed.

2. **Changes to Gen. Ed. for Sports and Exercise Science**

Stephanie Boss presented 46 changes to General Education courses for Sports and Exercise Science. There were 30 course deletions due to fewer courses needing to be offered or the course is no longer needed. There were 13 course description changes all of which needed to add language that would require a medical release for students needing accommodations. There were 3 courses that changed a prefix, title, and description to better reflect the content that is being offered. One of those 3 courses also changed credit hour (HLTH1012 to SES2013). Despite the number of proposed changes, there were no changes planned to general education assessment or the prerequisites for the course being offered. The final proposed change was to replace the SLO previously aligned with the courses still being offered with new language that students will identify healthy lifestyle choices.

There was some discussion with Stephanie Boss about the benefits of using the wait list when enrolling students as a way of letting SES know that additional sections are needed for activity courses.

A motion was made by Sarah Janda to vote for all 46 changes as 1 'block vote' as the changes being proposed were minor and very similar. Edris Montalvo seconded. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Sarah Janda to approve the course description changes and deletions for SES courses. Edris Montalvo seconded. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Edris Montalvo to approve the change to the SLO wording to remove 'demonstrate' with 'identify'. Sarah Janda seconded. Karla

Oty asked whether to make the change retroactive. It was agreed that the language change would go into effect starting Summer 2019. Karla Oty noted that the online evaluation forms will need the language changed. The motion passed.

3. **Changes to Gen. Ed. for Economics**

A proposal was made that the course Consumer Economics (CRM3603) be changed to Economic Foundations of Finance (ECON2003). This change would be accompanied by a change in department, description, prerequisites, and content. There were questions from Sarah Janda and Edris Montalvo if there was a faculty member to teach the course and if this course is being offered by other institutions. Mandy Husak said that there was a faculty member and that the course existed at other institutions. Hong Li asked if the 2000 level was appropriate as opposed to a 1000 level since the new course description emphasized it was a first course. Mandy Husak said that other courses that were similar were also at the 2000 level.

There was much discussion about if the general education assessment instrument needed to be in place before the committee approved the course for general education. It was decided that the approval could be conditional on showing the committee the Gen. Ed. instrument before a certain date in the future.

A motion was made by Sarah Janda to approve the course changes with the caveat that a general education instrument be presented to the committee before the March 2019 General Education Meeting. Edris Montalvo seconded. The motion passed.

4. **Changes to Gen. Ed. for College Algebra**

A proposal was made that the course description for College Algebra (MATH1513) be changed slightly to align with the course equivalency project. Karla Oty noted that the language about a Math Education Major needed to be deleted as that program does not exist anymore.

A motion was made by Sarah Janda to approve the course description change. Edris Montalvo seconded. The motion passed.

5. **Changes to Agriculture Program**

The committee was informed about some changes made to the Agricultural Program. However, there was no action needed by the General Education Committee.

6. **Graduate Employer Satisfaction Survey**

A copy of a survey was distributed to the committee for feedback to the VPAA's office. The survey would be given to employers of Cameron University graduates to assess the employer's perception of a Cameron graduate's level of preparation. There were minor and substantive changes discussed including if critical thinking needed to be added, separating oral and written communication skills, separating

or deleting ability and willingness to learn, and changing references to 'student' to 'graduate'. It was also discussed that out of the 5 options given for responses, 3 were generally positive (Excellent, Very Good, and Good) and only 1 was negative (Poor). The fifth was simply average. This could skew the data to always be generally positive.

7. **Update on CAAP Replacement and Writing Intensive Courses**

Travis Childs gave an update on replacing the CAAP exam and increasing student's perception of writing intensive courses at Cameron University. Travis said he would make a handout for the Chairs. Sarah Janda suggested that Travis visit a Council of Chairs meeting to explain the projects better. Karla Oty reminded the committee that all Capstone courses have been expected to perform some general education assessment since Fall of 2013.

8. **Examining Bias in Gen. Ed. Assessment**

General Education Assessment needs to be free from any bias. This will be a topic discussed in future meetings in the Spring of 2019.

9. **Other Business**

The committee discussed and decided that the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month at 9:30am still works for most schedules. The exception being January since there is a SAS meeting scheduled for 10:30am. The January meeting was scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

10. **Adjournment**

Sarah Janda motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cathy Blackman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:32am.