

Council on General Education Minutes
November 16, 2021
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., STV 140

Presiding: Chris Worland

Present: Brian Aitken, Allison Antink Meyer, Mary Elaine Califf, Linda Clemmons, Gregory Ferrence, Genevieve Fritz, Amy Hurd, Tony Marinello, Yvette Pigman, Rocio Rivadeneyra, Indira Robinson, Georgia Tsouvala, Amy Wood, and Chris Worland

Worland called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Action Items:

1. IDEAS Panel of Experts Selection

Hurd informed the Council that it needed to review applications and select between five-seven people to serve on the newly created IDEAS Panel of Experts. Members of the Panel would be responsible for reviewing course proposals and making recommendations on those courses submitted for the new IDEAS graduation requirement.

Worland asked if this would be a temporary panel and if an official review panel would be created next year. Hurd said the panel would serve as the reviewing body for now and that the curriculum process would need to be discussed/determined going forward. Currently there are the University Curriculum Committee (UCC), this Council, the Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) and the Council for Teacher Education (CTE) that serve as reviewing bodies. It is expected that the IDEAS Panel will fall under this Council's purview. AMALI is currently left hanging out and it will need to be determined who it will fall under going forward.

Rivadeneyra noted it made sense for IDEAS to fall under this Council as it was for a diversity graduation requirement. Hurd added logistics will need to be addressed such as proposal routing, etc. She has started drafting a shell of what the process will look like and added there are several courses already waiting to be reviewed for the IDEAS designation. Hurd has met with the associate deans and they requested a drop-down box on the proposal forms asking proposers to outline how they feel the course meets IDEAS learning objectives. The staff member that currently maintains the curriculum forms system is out of the office so that change to the form will be requested once he returns.

In the meantime, the Council must select individuals for the Panel so reviews may begin when we return in January. An email was sent to all faculty asking for volunteers. Hurd had hoped there would be enough volunteers for two committees but there were not enough applicants to fill two. Califf noted while it would be nice to have representation from each college, it was more important to have expertise in different areas.

Council members reviewed and discussed specific applicant information.

A motion was made by Califf to select Ashley Hall, Pamela Hoff, Ellis Hurd, Chelsea Kuehner, Miranda Lin, and Corinne Zimmerman as panelists. Fritz seconded.

All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion passed.

Hurd will contact the panelist to confirm their interest in serving on the Panel.

**2-3. SPA 119 Academic Spanish for Spanish Speakers, Part I (new course proposed for QR designation)
SPA 120 Academic Spanish for Spanish Speakers, Part II (existing course revision)**

The courses were proposed by Dr. James Pancrazio, Professor, Department of Languages, Literature, and Cultures.

Worland noted SPA 120 was being split into two courses. Part of this change seems to be in response to an increase in the population of students taking the course. As students in these courses would be native speakers, there is much less focus on basic vocabulary and grammar. He questioned if there was a sufficient population of students to take the courses. Aitken believe there was as SPA 120 currently has enrollment of around 20-25 students each semester. When created SPA 120 was offered intermittently but is now offered every semester. He added it was difficult to determine the population size as students in this course self-selected in terms of enrollment.

Worland thought it was confusing that SPA 119 was requesting a different General Education designation than the LH designation currently held by SPA 120.

A motion was made by Rivadeneyra to table both proposals for further discussion due to time constraints. Seconded by Califf.

All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion passed.

4. ESL 50 Academic Speaking and Listening V (new course)

Tabled to next meeting due to time constraints.

5. ESL 51 Academic Reading V (new course)

Tabled to next meeting due to time constraints.

6. ESL 52 Academic Writing V (new course)

Tabled to next meeting due to time constraints.

7. ESL 53 Grammar in Context V (existing course revision)

Tabled to next meeting due to time constraints.

8. ESL 54 Special Topics in Academic English V (existing course revision)

Tabled to next meeting due to time constraints.

A motion was made by Tsouvala to adjourn. Hurd seconded.

Meeting adjourned 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Soemer Simmons