

**Council on General Education Minutes**  
**November 6, 2018**  
**10-11:00 a.m., Stevenson Hall 140**

**Presiding:** Rocio Rivadeneyra

**Present:** Elizabeth Adebiyi, Brian Aitken, Rebekka Darner, Min-Yu (Stella) Liao, Sally Parry, Carla Pohl, Rocio Rivadeneyra, Kimberly Schneider, Jean Standard, and Gary Weilbacher

**Guests:**

Dr. Gina Hunter, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

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

**Action Items:**

**1. Approval of October 9, 2018 Minutes**

Standard noted a typographical correction in regards to Action Item 4, ANT 105, People and Food (proposed for SMT). In the third paragraph, third sentence, Standard pointed out "...vigor of the course..." should be "...rigor of the course..." Simmons will make the correction.

The question was called. Pohl made a motion to accept the October 9, 2018 minutes with the correction. Aitken seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The minutes were accepted with the correction.

**2. COM 183, Rhetoric as Civil Literacy (proposed for ICL)**

The course was proposed by Drs. Peter Smudde and Chad Woolard, School of Communication.

Rivadeneyra noted the course had already been approved to be cross-listed with ENG 183. She also noticed the proposal did not include information regarding the course learning objectives and how they connect to General Education.

Aitken pointed out ENG 183 already had had the ICL designation approved for it within the past year. As this new course has already been approved to be cross-listed with ENG 183, the approval of the ICL designation should just be a formality. Standard added that while the proposal did not specifically provide a connection to General Education objectives, they were built into the syllabus provided with the proposal. In order to be consistent, Rivadeneyra will contact Smudde and Woolard to provide a memo outlining the connection(s).

The question was called. Parry moved to accept COM 183 for the ICL designation pending the receipt of a memo outlining the learning objectives and their relation to General Education. Adebiyi seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Rivadeneyra will contact Smudde and Woolard for the memo.

### **3. International Studies Minor-Deletion of Program Proposal**

The proposal was submitted by Dr. Shari Zeck, Director of the International Studies minor.

Rivadenevra informed Council members the minor was created in the 1990's and was used to promote study abroad experiences. Over the years, new programs and minors have been established that connect to specific regions leaving the International Studies minor underutilized. As there are very few students currently in the minor, Rivadenevra noted Zeck thought it would be a simple process to have those students moved to another minor. Standard responded as the minor was active in those students' catalogs, they would be allowed to finish and the minor would fade away.

Rivadenevra added Zeck had reached out to Dr. Luis Canales, Office of International Studies and Programs Director, and he endorsed the deletion of the minor. Aitken was mildly disappointed to lose the minor but understood the reasoning behind the request. He added the minor was a "found minor" in that most students became interested in it after participating in a study abroad experience as opposed to starting out in the minor and then going on study abroad.

Darner questioned if there would still be a minor or program available for those students who wanted multiple perspectives rather than a specialization in a region/area. Rivadenevra and Standard added students in the minor must currently select a region/area as a concentration.

The question was called. Parry made a motion to delete the International Studies minor based on Zeck's recommendation. Standard seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Darner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rivadenevra seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Soemer Simmons