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Members Present: A. Lawson (Chair), B. Berrett, Sandra Lee,
Steve Adisasmith-Smith, Michelle Calvarese,
Druv Doshi, Roksana Badruddoja, D. Christensen,
S. Lewis.

Members Absent: Janell Tatsumura (excused), D. Nef (excused).
Rebekah Arredondo Paul Crosbie, Nagy Bengiamin.

The meeting was called to order by Chair A. Lawson at 11:05 p.m. in
Library Rm. 4164.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 10/15/10.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

There were none.

4. New Courses: RA 130 2nd Read
 - i. Writing must have 1000 words with feedback - under GE requirements, remove mention of 10 mini papers
 - ii. Add GE outcomes
 - iii. MSC to conditionally approve pending the addition of the GE outcomes.
5. Area IB syllabi review
 - a. ANTH 161 - Bio/Behavioral Evolution of the Human Species.
 - i. Unclear on area goals – course description includes, but nowhere else on syllabus
 - ii. Not clear on integrative
 - iii. Iterative writing component is not there
 - iv. No units
 - v. Prerequisites say permission of instructor
 - vi. No course goals
 - vii. No learning outcomes
 - viii. No honor code
 - ix. No copyright
 - x. MSC to send back to dept for substantial revision

- b. GEOG 128 - Environmental Pollution
 - i. Feedback from criterion alone does not meet the iterative requirement for meaning feedback from the instructor
 - ii. Make use of mathematical concepts explicit –(requirement 5 and 11)
 - iii. MSC to return to dept for correction of the above items
- c. EES 167 - Oceans, Atmosphere, and Climate Change
 - i. Discussion of ethical issues is unclear
 - ii. Correct schedule of topics (currently shows only partially in corner of page)
 - iii. MSC to return to department to add above item
- d. EES 168- California's Earth System
 - i. Learning outcomes are not measurable or specific to the course
 - ii. Prerequisite needs to be corrected
 - iii. No copyright or honor code
 - iv. No subject to change clause
 - v. MSC to return to department for above changes
- e. PH 161 - Environmental and Human Health
 - i. Discussion of ethical issues is not apparent
 - ii. No time
 - iii. No location
 - iv. No schedule for assignments and exam
 - v. No honor code
 - vi. No copyright
 - vii. MSC to return to department for above changes
- f. NSCI 115 - Environmental Earth and Life Science
 - i. No copyright
 - ii. No honor code
 - iii. No subject to change clause
 - iv. No learning outcomes
 - v. No number of units
 - vi. Prerequisite needs to be corrected
 - vii. MSC to return to department for above changes
- g. NSCI 120 - Biotechnology and Its Impact on Society
 - i. Length of written assignments is missing or unclear and iterative component is lacking
 - ii. Change “objectives” to “outcomes”
 - iii. MSC to return to department for above changes
- h. NSCI 121 - Blood: Science, Art, and Folklore
 - i. No units
 - ii. Change “objectives” to “outcomes”
 - iii. MSC to return to department for above changes
- i. NSCI 125 - Revenge of the Killer Microbes
 - i. No location
 - ii. No course goal
 - iii. MSC to return to department for above changes
- j. PHYS 100 - Concepts of Quantum Physics
 - i. No learning outcomes

- ii. Debates on effects of society (8) and ethical issues (9) are not clear.
- iii. No subject to change clause
- iv. MSC to return to department for above changes
- k. PLANT 105 - Food, Society, & Environment - postponed to next meeting
- l. PSCI 131 -Concepts of Classical Physics from Babylon to Maxwell - postponed to next meeting
- m. PSCI 168 - Energy & the Environment - postponed to next meeting
- n. PSYCH - 126 Cognitive Neuroscience - postponed to next meeting

6. GE Outcomes Assessment – postponed to next meeting.

7. Revision to GE Program Description – postponed to next meeting.

MSC to adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the General Education Committee will be Friday, November 19, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., in the Library Rm. # 4164.

Agenda

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2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Area IB syllabi review
 - a. PLANT 105 - Food, Society, & Environment
 - b. PSCI 131 -Concepts of Classical Physics from Babylon to Maxwell
 - c. PSCI 168 - Energy & the Environment
 - d. PSYCH - 126 Cognitive Neuroscience
5. E-portfolios
6. Review of GE Outcomes Assessment plans from departments
 - a. AgEc 155
 - b. CLAS 114
 - c. MCJ 1
 - d. KIN 32
 - e. Nut 53