

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Agenda for April 15, 2024

PRESENT: Marie Bourgeois, Chair (PH), John Abresch (LIB), Karen Atwood (AC), Sara Callahan (AC), Maureen “Mo” Chiodini-Rinaldo (EU), Shane Combs (US), Michael Cross (HC), Madeline Domino (BU), Jane Govoni (EU), Morgan Gresham (AC), Daniel Marlin (BU), Jay Michaels (AC), Jason Nethercut (AC), Catherine Rogers (BC), Walter Silva Sotillo (EN), Richard Smith (AC)

ABSENT: Joanna Burchfield, Vice-Chair (EN), Fanni Green (FA), Manisha Joshi (BC), Jennefer Karnegie (EU), Emily Mann (LIB), Gauri Pradhan (AC), Patrick Rodriguez (PH), Yolanda Torres (NR), Natasha Zurcher (NR)

GUESTS/EX-OFFICIO: Brandis Baines-Waiz (ODS), Scott Besley (BU), Kyna Betancourt (US), Mazhab “Mazi” Ferguson (OCE&P), Colin Forbes (US), Rebecca Gibbons (ODS), Lorene Hall-Jennings (US), Timothy Henkel (CITL), Diane Mellon (CC&PD), Ali Mrani Alaoui (US), Robyn Tornay (RO)

1. Welcome and Announcements

Marie welcomed the council members to another General Education Council meeting.

2. Approval of April 1, 2024 General Education Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as is (no revisions).

3. Informational Items

1. **Courses Considered for Title Changes Under SB 266** – Kyna Betancourt
Kyna disseminated a list of 15 courses containing titles that may be flagged as concerning per new governmental regulation. She contacted the deans and associate deans regarding the matter, with suggestions for revision. All suggestions were purely optional. Out of 15, half acknowledged the email, five agreed to undergo title changes, and two declined unless the change was made required by the provost. An additional course opted to decertify from the Gen-Ed label due to the course’s inactivity.
2. **Final List of Gen Ed Courses to be Sent to Provost** – Kyna Betancourt
As Gen-eds must be approved by the Board of Governors, Kyna provided a list of courses to be sent to the provost. The list was put to a vote by the council and approved unanimously.
3. **Upcoming GEC Chair Election** – Kyna Betancourt
Kyna reminded the Council that the position of Council Chair will be up for election come the May 6th meeting.

4. Consent Agenda

1. [MUE 4940 Internship: Music Education](#) **APPROVED**

5. New Business

1. **Gen-Ed Course Equivalencies (AP Score)** – Marie Bourgeois
Marie brought a question to Council courtesy of the College of Engineering. They wish to propose a new computer science course that will replace a course they currently offer and are considering accepting AP credit for it. The Council provided their insight regarding the question, with the main concern being the comparative rigor between the AP Computer Science exam and the EGN course. The question did not come to a resolution, but was instead tabled until more information could be received.

6. Old Business

New Course Proposals

1. [APK 2079 Lifestyle Fitness](#) (Marie Bourgeois) **APPROVED**

Course Change Proposals - Tabled

1. [MUM 2050 Introduction to Entrepreneurship in Music](#) (Marie Bourgeois) **APPROVED**

Course Recertification Proposals - Tabled

1. [ECH 3783 Sustaining the Earth: An Engineering Approach](#) (Jay Michaels) **APPROVED**
2. [LIS 4934 Information Science Senior Capstone](#) (John Abresch) **APPROVED**
3. [SPS 3003 The Meaning of Madness](#) (Sara Callahan) **TABLED**