

GEOC Meeting March 20, 2012

In attendance: Murphy Sewall, Thomas Deans, Francoise Dussart, Richard Jones, Thomas Long, Wally Madych, Gustavo Nanclares, Xae Alicia Reyes, Alexander Shvartsman, Michael Young, Anabel Perez.

Not present: John Ayers, Rosa Helena Chinchilla, Robert Cromley, Erin Eighan, Elizabeth Golas, Elizabeth Jockusch, Peter Kaminsky, Olivier Morand, Suresh Nair, Thomas Roby, Robert Stephens, Sarah Winter.

Meeting called to order at 12:10pm.

1. **Minutes** of the February 14, 2012 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

2. **Announcements**

- *AY11-12 Annual Report.* The AY1112 GEOC Annual Report is due to the Senate at the April 23, 2012 Senate meeting. A draft of the report will be circulated in advance of the April 12 GEOC meeting for review.
- *2012 Provost's Competition.* 7 proposals for received for consideration in this year's competition. The review committee (Murphy Sewall, Marny Lawton, Tom Long, Keith Barker, Elizabeth Jockusch) will meet tomorrow to discuss the proposals. Final decisions will be reported at the next GEOC meeting.
- *GEOC membership.* Two current GEOC members, Elizabeth Jockusch and Robert Cromley, will complete their second 2-year term on June 30, 2012 and are not eligible for reappointment. Several other current GEOC members have terms ending June 30, 2012 but may be reappointed for a second term. Murph Sewall or Anabel Perez will contact members to discuss possible reappointment. Any suggestions for new members should be sent to Murph Sewall.

3. **Subcommittee Reports**

CA4 Diversity and Multiculturalism

Anabel Perez reported that the GEOC **approved the following course for teaching in the intensive session** via electronic voting:

CLCS 2201 Intercultural Competency towards Global Perspectives

Xae Alicia Reyes reported that the CA4 is currently reviewing two proposals for the minor revision of existing courses. The subcommittee will recommend that the revision CARs include the justification for inclusion in gen ed that was included when the courses were first approved in 2005. They will report on these courses at the next GEOC meeting.

W Competency

The W subcommittee recommended **approval** of the following new courses for inclusion in the W competency:

ANTH/HRTS 3028W Indigenous Rights and Aboriginal Australia
GPS 4300W Collaborative Leadership
WGSS 3105W The Politics of Reproduction

The W subcommittee also recommended that, **with the revision of the syllabi attached to the CAR to match what is written in the CAR justification, the following courses be approved for inclusion in the W competency:**

WGSS 3270W Masculinities
WGSS 3257W Feminist Disability Studies

Motion carried.

Tom Long will contact the proposers for editing of the syllabi.

The W subcommittee also recommended the approval of the following 1 credit course for approval in the intensive session, contingent on the course following the same instructional design used with success in the Wintersession and an enrollment cap of 9 students:

ARE 3440W Writing in Environmental and Resource Policy

Motion to approve the course with the contingencies recommended by the W subcommittee. Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

4. Assessment

Assuming the GEOC gets an Assessment budget in FY13, the GEOC needs to think about those projects it would like to undertake in the next academic year. The CA4 subcommittee chairs have volunteered to head the next stage of CA4 assessment, with the help of a graduate student.

5. Other

With the dismantling of the Institute for Teaching and Learning, there has been some talk about where the W and Q Centers would be moved. One suggestion has been to house the Q Center in the Math Department and the W Center in the English Department. Because the mission of the Centers' is university-wide, the GEOC has some concerns that this arrangement could result in the inability of the Centers to maintain this university-wide scope.

Murph Sewall will send a message to the Chair of Senate Executive Committee to express GEOC concerns over how such a move would affect support for the General Education curriculum.

Meeting adjourned 1:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anabel Perez
GEOC Administrator