

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
General Education Council
Minutes of August 29th, 2011

Present: William Cummings, Arnie Mejias, Mariam Manzur-Leiva, Manish Agrawal, Scott Rimbey, Dan Belgrad, Denise Maguire, Sandra Czerwinski, Audrey Powers, Jerry Collins, Susan Silver, Marty Gould

Absent: Alison Oberne (excused), Audra Parker, Jeff Cunningham (excused), Barbara Shircliffe (excused), Jianping Qi, Sandy Reynolds (excused), Mary Fournier (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio/ Resource Staff: Michael Kanning (UGS), Janet Moore (UGS), Cynthia Brown Hernandez (UGS), Diane Williams (ATLE)

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

The minutes of May 2nd, 2011, were approved.

Announcements

- Chair Karla Davis-Salazar welcomed returning members and introduced new members.

Old Business

- **Global Citizenship Program** – This program welcomed its inaugural cohort of students this week. Currently, the students are taking 2 FKL courses.
- **QEP Update** – The QEP 5th year report, submitted last academic year, was well received by SACS. Overall we passed the 5th year review process, but the GEC will need to continue its efforts to refine and assess the General Education curriculum.
- **FKL Program changes** – The council was reminded that the FKL lower-level portion was closed for new submissions on December 1st.
1 advised to help spread awareness of these changes and encourage the submission of new Capstone Experience courses.
 - **GEC Funding** – The funding committee carefully considered proposals for courses requesting funding and established a tiered set of recommendations for any available funds to support FKL course offerings. At this time, no money has been made available from the Provost's Office for new financial support. This does not impact existing funding support commitments.

New Business

- **Roster Vacancies** – Members were requested to spread the word about open seats on the GEC. The upcoming cohort of recertification proposals will require significant effort, and a full roster would result in a reduced amount of work for all members.

Courses Approved

- No new courses were approved at this meeting.

