

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

October 20, 2008, 4:00-5:00

Meadow Room, Memorial Union

Members Present: David Anderson, Eric Asa, Thomas Barnhart, Xiwen Cai, Robert Harrold, RaNelle Ingalls, Virginia Clark Johnson, Margaret Lee, John Martin, Charlene Myhre, Larry Peterson, Charles Stevens, Ronald Storhaug, Kristi Wold-McCormick **Members Absent:** Elizabeth Birmingham, Catherine Haugen

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:00p.m. by Provost Representative and Chair, Larry Peterson

2. Committee introductions and welcomes

3.1 New Member - Ronald Storhaug, will be representing students.

3. Minutes of September 22, 2008 meeting as distributed by email to members on September 29. Approved

4. Report from Student Petitions Subcommittee

4.1 Student petition #1.

Student requests waiver of UNIV 189. Sub committee recommends to Deny Petition based on consistency of past policy. Motion to accept recommendation/2nd RaNelle/Virginia. After discussion committee voted to deny student petition. Student has options to take online version, see Carolyn Schnell for alternative study or contact department about possible independent study.

5. Review recommendations from UNIV 189 Task Force (emailed 09/22) (Maggie & Char)

5.1 Char reviewed report. The UNIV 189 Task Force recommendations are:

- Framework core of four objectives, replacing the original twelve, with a listing of examples for each objective. Core objectives are as follows:
 1. Students will be able to identify and navigate campus services.
 2. Students will identify/learn techniques and activities for enhancing academic success in higher education
 3. Class will assist the students in making career-related decisions
 4. Class will foster a sense of community
- Suggestions for GE committee to create a framework (listed above) and/or a philosophy, which would provide a common university experience. Ideas to help faculty members would be to develop a resource to assist with the specifics of the course, provide options and recommendations, to develop modules, put modules online, use subject experts and varied pedagogies, develop GE outcomes/assignments for the core areas (e.g. library and information skills, information technology skills, etc), provide support network through Blackboard and share what they have developed, share Carolyn Schnell's Power Point presentation on the history and benefits of this course with faculty.

- Consider ways to tailor the course or provide other alternatives to meet the needs of particular groups of students, e.g. older than average, undecided, students with previous college experience and transfer students.
- Relationship of UNIV 189 to Orientation and Other Programs

5.2 Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of discipline-specific section of 189 as well as doing a better job addressing the needs of transfer and non-traditional students.

5.3 Members voiced their support for the Task Force recommendation that developing a philosophy for the first year experience at NDSU is a crucial next step.

5.4 Char stated that the UNIV 189 committee recommends the GE committee review their recommendations and continue ongoing work in this area. Char made a motion for the GE committee to accept the framework core of four objectives laid out by the task force (listed above). Bob seconded the motion, committee voted and approved motion.

6. Report on GE discussion at NDUS Arts and Humanities Summit in Bismarck (emailed 10/13)

6.1 Larry reviewed and reported on his presentation at the summit "Are We preparing Our Students to be Education People in the 21st Century?"

7. Report on 2008 Association for General and Liberal Studies (AGLS) meeting (emailed with agenda)

7.1 Larry reported on AGLS conference in Ashville, NC that Professors Birmingham, Brooks and Peterson attended and made a panel presentation "Beyond First Year Composition: A Vertical Writing Curriculum in a General Education Program."

8. Larry stated that Provost Schnell will attend the next meeting on November 3 to discuss UNIV 189 Task Force recommendations with the GE Committee.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3,
4:00-5:00pm, MEADOWLARK Room**

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Wolter, recorder