

# GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 3, 2008, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Meadow Room, Memorial Union

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

**Members Absent:** Virginia Clark Johnson

## 1. Call to Order

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

## 2. Provost Schnell attends to discuss UNIV 189 Task Force Final Report

2.1 Provost recognizes and appreciates the commitment and time of General Education Committee members.

2.2 Provost agrees with findings and recommendations of UNIV 189 Task Force Report. Provost believes it is positive that colleges and departments are now taking ownership of the course. He recognizes that the recommendation from the Task Force about older than average and non-traditional students may be somewhat controversial.

2.3 Asks committee - What will be done with recommendations? What support can he offer? Larry stated that committee has approved recommendations of UNIV 189 Task Force, a small group of people will meet and recommend next step and will report back to Committee and Provost.

2.4 Provost challenges committee to move toward vertically oriented GE courses and to increase global GE courses.

## 3. Minutes October 20, 2008 meeting

Minutes distributed via email to members on October 24, approved.

## 5. Wellness Options after GERTA Coordinating Committee

5.1 Kristi reported State Board Policy at University System institutions require minimum 36 GE credits from following areas: Communications (9), Arts & Humanities (6), Social Science (6), Mathematics, Science & Technology (9), and Institutional Specific (6). The Institutional specific must be chosen from one of the above categories. Kristy gave two options, Larry suggests option one, it will be easiest for faculty & students to understand. Committee will wait and see what happens at state.

## 6. NDUS GE discussion

6.1 Larry reported on UND 5 year assessments of GE courses. Assessments are done by the department with the GE committee member as the link and the GE member writes the assessment. This way the whole department is involved and it becomes more of a Mentoring process instead of an individual writing a report.

## 7. Subcommittee Reports

7.1 Humanities, Fine Arts, Communication – Betsy, David, Xiwen, Larry – no report

7.2 Science and Technology & Wellness – John, Char, Bob, Tom

Recommendation of approval for a five-year renewal with no changes for:

- GEOL 304 Eastern North Dakota Field Course, Category S(p), Outcomes 5, 6
- HNES 111 Wellness, Category W, Outcomes 2, 6

John makes a motion to accept sub committee recommendation, Bob 2nds. Committee votes and approves sub committee recommendation of five-year renewal of GEOL 304 and HNES 111 courses.

**7.3** Social & Behavioral Sciences, Quantitative Reasoning– Eric, RaNelle, Maggie, Charles – No courses to recommend. On September 18, 2008 RaNelle wrote instructors for PSYC 210, PSYC 211, and PSYC 270 asking for more information and clarifications.

**7.4** Five-Year Reviews Returned for More Information

<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Current Outcomes</b>	<b>Previous Action Date</b>	<b>Updated Action</b>
ADFH 411	A, D	Food and World Cultures	1, 2, 3	02/08	Larry will send reminder memo.
ANTH 111	B, D	Introduction to Anthropology	3, 4	11/07	RaNelle will send reminder memo.
BIOL 126 /ZOO 126	S(n)	Human Biology	2, 5	04/08	Bob will send reminder memo.
BIOL 151L	S(n)	General Biology II Laboratory	5, 6	04/08	Bob will send reminder memo.
COMM 112	B	Understanding Media/Social Change			Larry and RaNelle will meet with Paul Nelson to review.

**8. Meeting Adjourned at 5:00pm**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17,  
4:00p.m. MEADOWLARK ROOM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Wolter, recorder