

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 17, 2008, 4:00-5:00p.m.

Meadow Room, Memorial Union

Members Present: David Anderson, Thomas Barnhart, Elizabeth Birmingham, 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: Eric Asa, Catherine Haugen

1. Call to Order

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

2. Guest, Heather Soleim, Coordinator of Transfer Services in Registration and Records, attends to discuss statewide call on creating more uniformity in the Transfer/Test credit with AP, CLEP, IB, and DSST tests.

- 2.1** GE column will be added to the test charts with common course GERTA designations. This will require us to give general ed credit for some courses that we currently do not allow. Those courses are: CLAS 102 , ART 122, ART 124, ART 230, MATH 103, MATH 105, MATH 107, CSCI 160, and CSCI 161.
- 2.2** Have to give gen ed credit for courses we currently list as free electives only (we can suggest to departments to make these GE courses). Those courses are MUSC 122, MUSC 124, HIST 211, HIST 212, PSYC 230, CHEM 115, MATH 210, and PHYS 162.
- 2.3** A student could test out of most Gen Ed classes, with the exception of upper level writing.
- 2.4** The chart also lists 2 DSST (Dantes) tests for which the state doesn't grant credit and we do. The state will be adding one more test to this list, Public Speaking. Heather expressed concern that the state has such a limited listing of approved DSST courses, since it may send the wrong message of lack of support to our military personnel. It sounds like this may be resolved in some manner, but is up for more discussion.
- 2.5** Currently, the chart lists some credits as fewer than what we grant. An example is CSCI 160. The chart lists 3 credits and we grant 4. The Committee recommended changing those credits to a range like 3-4.

3. Update about Wellness Options after GERTA Coordinating Committee action

- 3.1** GE Committee discusses and Kristi makes motion to adopt Option 1 with the exception of HNES 250 Nutrition Science. John 2nds, committee approves.

4. Minutes from November 3, 2008 meeting

- 4.1** Minutes distributed via email to members on November 5, approved

5. Subcommittee Reports

- 5.1 Humanities, Fine Arts, Communication** – Betsy, David, Xiwen, Larry
 - Recommendation for approval for a five-year renewal with changes in Outcomes
 - Larry moves to accept subcommittee recommendation for approval, Charles 2nds, Committee votes and approves five-year renewal

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Previous Outcomes	New Outcomes
CLAS 101	A	First-Year Latin I	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	1, 6
CLAS 151	A	First-Year Greek I	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	1, 6

- Recommendation for approval as new Upper Division Writing Course
- Larry moves to accept subcommittee recommendation of new Upper Division Writing Course, Bob 2nds, Committee votes and approves new course.

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Outcomes
ENGL 326	C	Writing in the Design Professions	1, 6

- Subcommittee reports on these courses returned to instructor for more information

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Outcomes	Action
MUSC 108	A	Roots of American Popular Music	3, 6	Both online and face-to-face syllabi need to explain how students meet GE outcomes; face-to-face syllabus lacks required elements
THRT 115	A, D	World Film	3, 4	Online version only; syllabus lacks required information; no clear evidence of how class activities help students GE outcomes; no information on how course meets diversity category; need face-to-face version of course also

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

- Recommendation for approval for a five-year renewal with no changes
- Bob makes motion to accept sub committee recommendation for approval for five-year renewal with no changes. Char 2nds, Committee votes and approves.

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Outcomes
SOIL 217	S (n)	Intro Meteorology & Climatology	5, 6

5.3 Social & Behavioral Sciences, Quantitative Reasoning– Eric, RaNelle, Maggie, Charles - No report

6. Report from Student Petitions Subcommittee

6.1 Student petition #1

- Student requests substitution of the Arabic language courses into HUM/FA and for global perspectives.
- Subcommittee approve for HUM/FA but not for global perspectives as student did not address how these courses satisfy this requirement other than to assume that because the FREN, GERM and SPAN courses include this element.
- RaNelle makes motion to accept petition, John 2nds, committee votes to approve subcommittee recommendations.

6.2 Student petition #2

- Student requests substitution of HNES 379 for global perspectives.
- Subcommittee recommends approval.
- RaNelle makes motion to accept student petition, Bob 2nds, committee votes to accept subcommittee recommendations for HNES 379 substitution.

6.3 Student petition #3

- Student requests substitution of F&N 496 for wellness.
- Subcommittee recommends approval based on an appropriate substitution from previous work. Student has taken many wellness type courses including the nutrition course student references
- RaNelle makes motion to accept petition, Char 2nds, committee votes to accept.

7. Update on next steps for UNIV 189 (Char, Larry, Maggie)

7.1 Open Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th at 3:00. (Larry waiting for room) An email will go out on Faculty and Student LIST SERV with the new core outcomes adopted by GE and Provost, with invitation to attend and discuss.

7.2 UNIV 189 Committee - Char will contact 189 committee and see who is interested in continuing on UNIV 189, to look over and rate recommendations, create modules, etc.

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:00p.m.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1,
4:00 MEADOWLARK**

Respectfully submitted, Sue Wolter, recorder