

**General Education Committee
Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2005
Badlands Room, Memorial Union**

Members Present: David Anderson, Eric Asa, Elizabeth Birmingham, Virginia Clark Johnson, Jeffery Gerst, Robert Harrold, Kate Haugen, RaNelle Ingalls, Doug Rymph, Robyne Williams, and Kristi Wold-McCormick.

Harrold, acting as convener, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes from the October 12th meeting were not distributed at this meeting. It was agreed by consensus that the minutes would be distributed at next week's meeting.

Student Petition

Ingalls presented a petition from a student containing inaccuracies and potential misrepresentation of mathematics credits taken elsewhere. The committee agreed with Ingalls that the student did not present enough evidence that NDSU's requirements for mathematics had been completed. By consensus, the committee denied the petition until submission of further evidence.

Subcommittee Reports

Science & Technology

- The subcommittee recommended that additional information was needed for CHEM 117, CHEM117L, CHEM 121L, and CHEM 122L; for the Five-Year Review of these classes. The committee gave examples of what information was needed by providing the committee with a written report. The recommendation was APPROVED by consensus.
- The members of the subcommittee also noted that problems had been encountered with the "Somewhat" option, for respective Outcomes, during the reviews.
- The members of the subcommittee also were concerned that faculty are aware of, and follow, current guidelines for new courses and for Five-Year Review materials.

Humanities, Fine Arts, & Communication

The subcommittee:

- Recommended renewal of ARCH/LA 171 for a five year period with Outcomes 1, 2, and 6. The renewal will be final upon receipt of a copy of the syllabus that lists the General Education outcomes approved for the course. The recommendation was APPROVED by consensus.
- Recommended that the request from the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture that ARCH/LA 172 be removed as a general education course. This recommendation was also APPROVED by consensus.
- Recommended renewal of ARCH 321 for Outcomes 2, 3, and 6 after receipt of a copy of the syllabus identifying the three General Education outcomes the course meets.
- Recommended delaying renewal of LA 322 for one semester. The recommendation was APPROVED by consensus.

Social and Behavioral Sciences, Wellness, and Quantitative Reasoning

The subcommittee:

- Reviewed ME 189 – Skills for Academic Success; POLS 110 Introduction to Political Science; POLS 215 American Government; POLS 220 International Politics, and STAT 330.

Vertical Writing

Wold-McCormick presented a report of the discussion on the proposed vertical writing curriculum at the October 10, 2005 meeting of the University Senate. She described the work that will need to be completed in the next few months to make this happen by fall of 2006, the need to devote several meetings to this work, and the need to form subgroups. Wold-McCormick raised important questions that need to be addressed by this committee. For example:

- What committees and units do we pull into this project and how do we create a structure to work with them?
- How do we complete this and simultaneously understand the many inter-related issues that must be addressed by this group, other committees, and academic units?
- Will there be some sort of vertical curriculum review committee and what would that group's make-up be?
- What do we need to do from a curriculum review standpoint?
- How do we consider NDUS transfer and prerequisite issues?
- How do we assure that work assigned will be completed by the units over which we lack administrative control (e.g., academic departments, etc)?

Gerst indicated that Provost Schnell could support a one-year delay in implementation of vertical writing activities to support an orderly implementation for all parties. Gerst also indicated that an individual will be approached about serving as chair of this committee for the remainder of the academic year.

Haugen and Wold-McCormick offered to speak to Kevin Brooks and Dale Sullivan about seeking a one-year extension on the start date for this program. The impacts of this program are huge across the university. The committee, by consensus, asked Haugen to contact Kevin Brooks and Dale Sullivan about the need for discussion and dialogue about implementing the vertical writing curriculum. Wold-McCormick, as liaison from the Executive Committee of the University Senate, will present a report on behalf of the General Education Committee.

Haugen described the summary of the impressions of senior students of their impressions of their 189 class taken as first-year students. The survey, piloted by Williams, did not provide impressive results.

The committee adjourned by consensus at 5:30 p.m.

Recorder: Kären Bjellum

Revised: November 3, 2005 @ 8:50 a.m.