

General Education Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2005  
Badlands Room, Memorial Union

**Members Present:** David Anderson, Elizabeth Birmingham, Mike Christoffers, Virginia Clark Johnson, Jeffery Gerst, Robert Harrold, Kate Haugen, RaNelle Ingalls, John Martin, Char Myhre, Doug Rymph, Robyne Williams, and Kristi Wold-McCormick. **Guest:** Dante Miller, Student Senate Vice President.

Introductions were made for the benefit of the new committee member, Maggie Lee, the new representative from Pharmacy. She will be replacing Kimberly Vess Halbur.

Martin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

A **MOTION** (Harrold/Haugen) was made to accept the minutes from the November 9, 2005 meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

### **Student Petitions**

- The petition was a **resubmitted** waiver request from the previous week. The student is requesting to have ENGL 110 & ENGL 120 waived. Since last week, Ingalls researched the two MSU courses which were in question. The student had indicated the courses were evidence that she had fulfilled the general education requirement previously at MSU. The committee decided to ask the English department for their opinion on whether or not the gen ed requirement had been met. Birmingham agreed to take the evidence to the English department for their comment. Next week the committee will review the petition after the English department has provided input.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

**Humanities, Fine Arts, and Communications** – the committee recommends approval of English 336 (**see handout or attachment**) as a general education course, and brings it forward to the Senate at the next meeting. The Course is designed to meet outcomes 1 & 6, as a global perspectives requirement.

(Birmingham/Harrold) made a **MOTION** to approve ENGL 336 as a general education course as proposed. The **MOTION** passed.

Discussion took place on actions should take place. Wold-McCormick suggested that Birmingham should send a copy of the syllabus to her in the Registrar's Office.

**Science and Technology** – subcommittee members reviewed the materials provided for Five-Year Reviews.

- PHYS 110 – is recommended for continuation of approval as a General Education course, with Outcomes 5 and 6; conditional upon the inclusion of an approved General Education statement in the course syllabus.

- PHYS 110L, PHYS 120, PHYS 120L, PHYS 211, PHYS 211L, PHYS 212, and PHYS 212L have been recommended for continued approval as General Education courses – with Outcomes 5 and 6. **(See the attachment or handout for more detail)**

Harrold/Christoffers made a **MOTION** to approve the PHYS courses as stated, with conditions for PHYS 110. **MOTION** passed.

### **University 189**

Dante Miller, vice president of the Student Senate, spoke to the committee regarding his ideas and goals for the University 189 course.

Miller's suggestions included:

- Students should be made aware of their rights and responsibilities.
- Help students develop their resume.
- Teach students the importance of internships and co-ops, as well as differences between the two.
- The class should be taught by a faculty member from the College of University Studies.
- Encourage the Alumni Association to create an alumni job shadowing program.

### **Vertical Writing Requirement**

Wold-McCormick suggested that a subcommittee, or a task force, should be developed for the Vertical Writing Requirement. Gerst agreed. Discussion took place. Academic programs should identify their "writing" course or they could also use an "English" course recommendation.

Char Myhre (Library) volunteered to be on the committee or identify a representative from the Libraries. Robyne Williams (Apparel, Design, etc. volunteered). Jeff Gerst volunteered to be a Member at Large.

Other suggestions included:

English department – Kevin Brooks and Dale Sullivan.

Registrar's Office – Kristi Wold-McCormick

Center for Writers – Mary Pull or Rick Shaw

David Anderson – could represent the students and the General Education Committee.

Wold-McCormick also suggested that Bjellum use the matrix from the Academic Affairs committee to log course approvals.

Harrold offered to serve as convener for the next meeting (Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005). Clark-Johnson agreed to convene at the following meeting (Wednesday, November 30, 2005).

A **MOTION** (Haugen/Gerst) was made to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kären M. Bjellum

