

**NDSU General Education Committee
Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2006
FLC 320, Memorial Union**

Members Present: David Anderson, Eric Asa, Betsy Birmingham, Virginia Clark-Johnson, Jeffery Gerst, Bob Harrold, Margaret Lee, John Martin, Char Myhre, Doug Rymph, Robyne Williams, and Kären Bjellum (recorder).

Rymph, acting as convener, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Agenda: There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Minutes: A **MOTION** (Haugen/Anderson) was made to accept the minutes from the January 31, 2006, meeting as distributed. **MOTION PASSED.**

Student Petitions

There were no student petitions submitted.

Subcommittee Reports

Humanities, Fine Arts and Communication

Copies of the **ENGL 324**, and **ENGL 358** (proposals for new general education courses), were distributed via email (February, 20, 2006) to the Gen. Ed. committee members. Positive comments were made in regard to the two proposals. The English department was very thorough and presented all of the necessary documentation. A **MOTION** (Williams/Asa) was made to accept ENGL 324, and ENGL 358, as submitted, **MOTION PASSED.** The proposals will be sent forward to the University Senate for approval.

Birmingham confirmed that **ENGL 120** is the prerequisite for all Vertical Writing courses.

Update that the **ARCH/LA 171** and **ARCH 321** syllabuses were received by the subcommittee, and the course proposals have been forwarded on to the University Senate Committee.

Science & Technology – Harrold indicated that the committee was waiting for a syllabus from BIOL 124.

Social and Behavioral Sciences, Quantitative Reasoning, & Wellness – no report.

UNIV 189 – On February, 16, 2006, Haugen had forwarded (to the Gen. Ed. committee) a copy of the email that Dante Miller, student body president, sent out to the student Listserv ®. Haugen wanted to thank Dante, who was very helpful in getting the survey out to students.

Vertical Writing – Birmingham announced that Dale Sullivan would be hosting a pedagogical luncheon on March 7, 2006; at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact **Ed Deckard** @ Edward.Deckard@nds.u.edu.

On-line Assessment – No report.

There was no **Old Business** to report.

New Business

Birmingham announced she was interested in attending the AAC&U Institute on General Education, June 9-14, 2006 in Washington, D.C. Williams suggested Birmingham should go to the AAC&U website (www.aacu-edu.org/) for more information.

Clark-Johnson mentioned that as committee members are identified for the coming year for Senate Committees, vacancies on General Education need to be filled with tenured associate professors who can serve as the chair of the committee. Gerst indicated that he thought the Provost had discussed this with the Deans. The discussion with the Deans was a more general discussion of the need to appoint Associate Professors or Professors to Senate committees.

Haugen will be convening the March 7, 2006 meeting in FLC 320 at 11:00 a.m.

A **MOTION** (Williams/Birmingham) was made to adjourn at 11:40 a.m.