

**NDSU General Education Committee
Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2006
FLC 320**

Members Present: Mike Christoffers, Virginia Clark-Johnson, Jeffery Gerst, Bob Harrold, RaNelle Ingalls, Margaret Lee, John Martin, Char Myhre, Doug Rymph, Robyne Williams, and Kären Bjellum (recorder). **Guests:** Dr. Dale Sullivan, English Department Head, and Dr. Larry Peterson, History Department Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m.

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

Vertical Writing - "Writing Across the Disciplines"

Dr. Sullivan discussed: See attachment 1: Proposal to adjust the conditions for approval of the general education upper-division writing requirement.

- Problems associated with the new vertical writing general education requirement.
- Possible solutions - proposing that the upper division writing requirement be exempt from ~ the Category 1 - 8 rule ~ requiring the class to be open to students from all majors.
- Objection to the proposal: enforcement of quality control may be difficult.
- Assessment must be tied to learning outcomes.
- If possible, please move this on to the University Senate this year (2006).
- Dr. Sullivan will be available next week to continue discussion of this proposal.

Minutes: The minutes from the March 7, 2006 meeting were accepted by consensus.

Student Petitions

There were no student petitions.

Subcommittee Reports

Science & Technology

After reviewing the application for renewal of the **BIOL 124 Environmental Science** (Outcomes 5 and 6) materials, the subcommittee recommends the course be approved for another 5 years. A **MOTION** (Christoffers/Martin) was made to approve the renewal and forward it on to University Senate for action. **MOTION PASSED.**

Humanities, Fine Arts, and Communication

No Report.

Social and Behavioral Sciences, Quantitative Reasoning, & Wellness

No Report.

UNIV 189

No Report.

Vertical Writing

The committee agreed to meet again next Tuesday, March 28, 2006; at 11:00 a.m. in FLC to continue discussion of the vertical writing proposal. The committee will obtain more information in regard to the gen. ed. administrative policies. Birmingham will send out an email with more information on the vertical writing proposal.

<http://www.ndsu.edu/cfwriters/wac.shtml>

Online Assessment

No Report.

Old Business

None discussed.

New Business

None discussed.