

General Education Committee Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2006, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Meadowlark

Present: Eric Asa, David Anderson, Elizabeth Birmingham, Robert Harrold, Catherine Haugen, RaNelle Ingalls, Virginia Clark Johnson, Jae Min Jung, Margaret Lee, John Martin, Charlene Myhre, Larry Peterson, Megan Schimek, Robyne Williams, Kristi Wold-McCormick

Harrold called the meeting to order and welcomed new and returning members to the committee. The first item of business was to elect a committee chair for the year. Williams moved (Martin second) to nominate Peterson, who was approved by consensus.

Harrold circulated three copies of the Advancement Section and the Assurance Section of the Consultant-Evaluator's report on reaccreditation. Individuals were invited to make copies of these or read the report on the Assessment and Accreditation website.

The Committee considered eight student petitions as presented by Ingalls.

1. Student #1 requested that his World Religion course from BSC be allowed to fulfill the Cultural Diversity requirement. The Committee approved the motion (Martin/Williams) to deny the petition until the student provides a more clear explanation of how this class meets the requirement.
2. Student #2 requested that his semester of study at the Ansal Institute of Technology in India be allowed to fulfill the Cultural Diversity requirement. The Committee approved his request (Williams/Martin).
3. Student #3 requested that one of her classes transferred to NDSU be allowed to fulfill the Cultural Diversity requirement. Because one of the classes was cultural anthropology and she provided supporting evidence for her request, the Committee approved her petition (Williams/Birmingham).
4. Student #4 requested exemption from UNIV 189 because of her age and maturity. Because she provided a strong rationale, the Committee approved her petition (Haugen/Martin).
5. Student #5 requested that his 6 credits in second year Latin (CLAS 201, 202) be allowed to fulfill his Humanities requirement. The Committee approved this petition under Rule 6 (Williams/Wold-McCormick).
6. Student #6 requested that he be allowed to use the CHEM 121 lab course with a non-corequisite lecture course to meet the Science requirement. He argued he was misadvised by Dr. Kevin Thompson, but provided no supporting statement from Thompson. The Committee denied his petition (Williams/Martin).
7. Student #7 requested that her two-credit transfer course be allowed to fulfill the Oral Communication requirement. The Committee approved her petition (Williams/Martin).
8. Student #8 requested that MATH 105 be allowed to fulfill her Quantitative Reasoning requirement. The Committee deferred action until our next meeting.

Ingalls reminded Committee members of the sensitive nature of the information contained in the student petitions and of our FERPA requirements.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00. Our next meeting is Monday, September 18 at 2:00 in the Meadowlark Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Peterson