

**NDSU General Education Committee
Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2006**

Members Present: Elizabeth Birmingham, Michael Christoffers, Robert Harrold, RaNelle Ingalls, John Martin, Char Myhre, Larry Peterson, Megan Schimek, Robyne Williams, Kristi Wold-McCormick

Members Absent: Eric Asa, David Anderson, Catherine Haugen, Virginia Clark Johnson, Jae Min Jung, Margaret Lee

1. Minutes from October 30, 2006 – Change in 5c to read “Kristi brought this to Committee to consider Phys 211...”
2. Agenda – There were no additions or corrections to agenda
3. Student Petitions
 - a. Student #1 –Student petitions to accept a course taken in New Zealand to meet Global Perspective General Education requirement. Robyne moved to accept petition, Bob 2nd. Because the student provided a strong explanation of how this course fit the description for global perspectives, the motion passed.
 - b. Student #2 –Student has six credits from MSUM that do not transfer into NDSU's, Humanities and Fine Arts or Social and Behavioral Sciences. Student is short only 1 credit in these general education categories and requests that these six credits apply for the 1 credit he needs in each area. Robyne moved to accept petition, Char 2nd. After discussion, the motion passed because MCS 202 could fit in the Social and Behavioral Sciences category and MDS 178 could fit in the Humanities and Fine Arts category.
 - c. Student #2 – Student wants to substitute BIOL 150 lab taken last year for BIOL 111 lab. Robyne moved to accept student petition, Megan 2nd. Motion passed.
4. Capstone changes – There were no additional suggestions. Larry, Robyne, and Betsy will draft forms and a packet for the five year reviews and bring back to the Committee's next meeting.
5. General Education and Prerequisites –Kristi had a student look up pre-requisites, only a few discrepancies where Gen Ed courses may require prerequisites that are not required Gen Ed classes. After considerable discussion about the rationale for limiting prerequisites for general education courses to only other general education courses and about the differences between lower and upper division general education courses, Larry agreed to draft an exemption policy.
6. Vertical Writing Update – Betsy and Kristi working on this– The Registrar's Office sent out a memo last year and will send out another this year in connection with the request for curriculum updates to find out what departments are planning for the new vertical writing requirement. Departments may try to have one of their existing courses approved, they may require an appropriate English department course, or they may create a new course.

7. Wellness and Basic Training Research Update – Kristi and Bob – Bob searched web, although it was not very helpful. The Coast Guard site is the best. Neil Sltz (Veterans' Affairs coordinator in her office) gave Kristi a large stack of books to look through.

Next GE Meeting: November 27, 2006, 2:00-3:00 Meadow Lark Room

Respectfully submitted,
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