

General Education Committee
Wednesday March 21, 2007, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Nelson 104

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

1. Minutes from March 7, 2007 - approved.
2. Agenda for today - approved
3. Student petition(s):
 - Student #1 – Motion made by Michael to accept petition, 2nd by Char. Student petitions committee to accept AMCS 233 from MSUM toward NDSU Humanities/Fine Arts categories. This course is usually transferred as diversity instead of Humanities. Committee approved.
4. Standing Committee Reports on five-year course reviews:
 - Science and Technology, Wellness –John, Char, Bob
 1. HNES 111 – Subcommittee requests resubmission of material, focusing on fewer outcomes and clarifying the connections between course materials and outcomes and the evidence provided by student work.
 2. HPER 217 – Subcommittee requests resubmission of material, focusing on fewer outcomes and clarifying the connections between course materials and outcomes and the evidence provided by student work.
 3. PHYS 212 – Subcommittee requests revised syllabus to meet standards from Academic Affairs and General Education.
 4. PHYS 212L – Subcommittee requests revised syllabus to meet standards from Academic Affairs and General Education.
 5. PHYS 110 – Subcommittee recommends committee approve five year renewal.
 6. Harrold moved and Myrhe seconded that the committee accept the subcommittee's report. Full committee voted and approved.
 - Humanities, Fine Arts, Communications – Mike, Betsy, Dave, Larry – no reports
 - Social & Behavioral Sciences, Quantitative Reasoning–Eric, Robyne, RaNelle, Jae, Maggie – No reports
5. Kristi asked for consistencies from committees on final versions of five-year course reviews. Please include any additional material submitted just to the subcommittee, as well as dates, and full course description.
6. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports
 - Upper Division Writing – Kristi, Betsy and Larry met with Kevin Brooks and the following are questions for committee to discuss:
 - Should junior status be required for these courses?

1. Larry moved for Junior status for upper division writing, Robyne 2nd. Committee discussed. Robyn moved to table until Betsy returns
 - If disciplinary knowledge is necessary for these courses and there are not specific course pre-requisites, how should we deal with that? Can we urge (require?) instructors to inform students on the syllabus and urge them to inform students in the first week of class?
 1. Larry moved to open discussion, Bob 2nd. Students should know if discipline knowledge is necessary or they may not succeed in class. Committee voted to add a line on GE syllabus template and add to course descriptions. Approved.
 - UNIV 189 –Task Force – committee has not been able to meet
7. GE Blackboard Organization – Larry will add the following:
- Student Petitions (guests cannot enter)
 - Courses that have been reviewed this year.
8. New Business
- Overdue courses ENT 210 and ART 124, have asked for extension until May. Committee approved.
 - Margaret thanked committee for card.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Wolter, Secretary