

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

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

1. Minutes from March 21, 2007 - approved.
2. Agenda for today - approved
3. Student petition(s):
  - Student #1 – Student requests course 1525 taken from Vermillion CC be accepted as meeting the Cultural Diversity requirement. The course transferred as NDSU ANTH 206, which is not a general education course. Robyne moved to accept petition with the provision that this did not set a precedent and Michael seconded. Committee approved petition.
  - Student #2 – Student requests 8 AP Physics B exam credits be accepted toward GE Science and Technology category. Student provided extensive documentation of the similarities between AP Physics B and NDSU Physics 120 & 120L. Robyne moved to accept petition, Michael seconded. Robyne moved to accept 4 credits for GE classes PHYS 120 and 120L with 4 credits for free elective. Committee voted and approved. Betsy moved and Kate seconded to accept the 4 credits free elective be accepted for Physics and General Education. Committee approved motion.
4. Standing Committee Reports
  - Science and Technology, Wellness – John, Char, Bob – No report
  - Humanities, Fine Arts, Communications – Mike, Betsy, Dave, Larry – No report
  - Social Behavioral Sciences, Quantitative Reasoning – Eric, Robyne, RaNelle, Jae, Maggie – Report next week
5. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports
  - Upper Division Writing – Committee had tabled discussion on whether junior status should be required for these courses. Discussion opened with the logic for upper division writing courses being required for students with junior status.
    - Students are to write about the content in their majors, but it is difficult because they have not taken many courses in their majors until they are juniors. There can be a difference in cognitive development, sophistication, and career goals between sophomores and juniors.Robyne moved a student must acquire junior status for all courses that meet the Upper Level Writing Requirement, David Second. Committee approved.
  - Univ 189 Task Force – will be meeting next Tuesday at 10:00
6. New Business
  - Larry distributed copies of the five year review materials for LA 322: History of Landscape Architecture. This course was originally due in December 2004, but the department requested an extension due to the sudden death of Dennis Colliton.
  - Larry has put a folder on blackboard for petitions. Guests will not be allowed to enter that folder. Larry will also change everyone's status on Blackboard to "leader" so

everyone can post materials. Kristi requested posting materials there posted for historical reasons.

- Larry reminded committee members that we have just one meeting left (April 18) to submit course recommendations to the University Senate.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Nelson 104**

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Wolter