

General Education Committee  
Wednesday April 18, 2007, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Nelson 104

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

Members Absent: David Anderson, Cierra Grondahl,

1. Minutes from April 4, 2007 - approved.
2. Agenda for today - approved
3. Standing Committee Reports on course reviews
  - Science and Technology, Wellness – John, Char, Bob – Subcommittee recommended GEOL 106, 106L for continued approval with outcomes 3,5,6 in Physical Science and Global Perspectives. Bob moved to accept motion, Char 2<sup>nd</sup>. Committee voted and approved.
  - Humanities, Fine Arts and Communication – Mike, Betsy, Dave, Larry – Subcommittee recommends ENGL 320, ENGL 325, ENGL 357 and ENGL 459 be recommended to University Senate as new General Education courses with outcomes 1 and 6. Larry made motion to accept, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, Committee voted and approved. Subcommittee recommended HIST 135 should be recommended for five year renewal as General Education course with outcomes 3 and 6. Larry made motion to accept, Kate 2<sup>nd</sup>, committee voted and approved. Subcommittee recommended LA 322 should be recommended to University Senate for five year renewal as a General Education course with the provision that Outcome 3 must be dropped unless further evidence provided. Larry moved to accept motion, Robyne 2<sup>nd</sup>, Committee voted and approved.
  - Social and Behavior Sciences, Quantitative Reasoning – Eric, Robyne, RaNelle, Jae, Maggie – Subcommittee recommended ECON 105, ECON 201, ECON 202 with outcomes 3 and 6, COMM 114 with outcomes 3 and 4, provided that all three courses make appropriate revisions in their syllabi. RaNelle made motion to accept recommendation, Robyne 2<sup>nd</sup>, Committee voted and approved.
4. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report from UNIV 189 Task Force – Char gave update on meeting last Tuesday, April 17. Larry attended meeting and gave committee the charge. Dr. Carolyn Schnell will report on research and on current national trends among first year experience courses at their next meeting. They will be breaking into subgroups to analyze the survey data on Blackboard. Dean McCaul questioned why there are not any tenure track faculty on committee. There are two deans on committee, Larry will contact them and see if one would like to step down and appoint a tenure track faculty. General Education Committee feels it is more important to have someone who teaches the course rather than a tenured track faculty. Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> is the next meeting.

5. Student petition(s):
  - Student #1 – Student requested that 1 credit from an Aerobics course taken in Ridgewater be counted for 1 credit Wellness. The course transferred in as HNES 112. Our Wellness requires two of four topics to be met. (Physical Activity, Psychological Development, Nutrition, or Emotional Well-being) Reviewed syllabus from Aerobics Course. Robyne moved to accept petition, Char 2<sup>nd</sup>. Committee voted to reject the petition because the course did not meet two of the four areas.
  - Student #2 – Student petitioned to substitute ENGL 330 for 3 credits in the written Communications requirement. Robyne moved to reject the petition and Bob seconded. A majority of the Committee voted not to reject the petition. Michael moved to accept petition, Char 2<sup>nd</sup>. Committee voted to approve the petition with two members voting no.
6. Committee will need to meet once more before summer break,
  - Student petitions to review, please check blackboard
  - PHIL 215 (incomplete report from subcommittee at today's meeting)
  - MUSIC 100 to review

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 25<sup>h</sup>, 2007, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Nelson 104**

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Wolter