

General Education Committee Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 2:00-3:00 pm
 Mandan Room, Memorial Union

Committee Members Present:

Elizabeth Birmingham, Michael Christoffers, Catherine Haugen, RaNelle Ingalls, Virginia Clark Johnson, Margaret Lee, John Martin, Charlene Myhre, Larry Peterson, Charles Stevens, Kristi Wold-McCormick. **Committee Members absent:** Eric Asa, David Anderson, Cierra Grondahl, Robert Harrold, Harriett Light

1. **Minutes** approved from January 9, 2008 meeting
2. **Agenda** approved
3. **New course distributed:** HNES 355: International Health, Categories A, G, Outcomes 2, 3
4. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - Student Petitions Subcommittee Report – RaNelle, Virginia, John, David

Student	Petition	SubComm Recommends	Motion to Accept petition/2 nd	Committee Decision
Student #1	Student requests to substitute HUM 266: Metaphysics into the HUM/FA category	Approve	RaNelle/Kate	Approve
Student #2	Second appeal for the same request that was previously rejected, requested more information. Accept CDFS 494/693: Exploring Citizenship and Activism for Today toward cultural diversity.	Approve	RaNelle/John	Approve
Student #3	This appeal was first reviewed in Nov. 2007. The committee asked the student to provide more information on how his stay in Rwanda contributed to his cultural diversity experience. He has provided an overview of that experience.	Approve	RaNelle/Kate	Approve
Student #4	This student is requesting a waiver of 3 credits in the S/T category. He was advised by his advisor (no longer on campus) that he could take classes elsewhere and still complete his degree at NDSU by having the credit transfer back to NDSU. The student then proceeded to register for courses at St. Cloud St. only to discover later through conversations with the college liaison that NDSU does not transfer back coursework that was initially taken at NDSU. This is part of the repeated courses policy. He states that he is currently taking an equivalent course to BIOL 150 at SCSU. Due to the policy, the credit is not eligible for transfer, thus the need to request a waiver of 3 credits. An approval could be based on pending successful completion of the work and the fact that the student would still to meet minimum program requirements for graduation	Approve	RaNelle/Virginia	Approve – Note that student exceeds minimum number of credits.
Student #5	Substitute SOC 491 Seminar (Sociology of Religion—The Denominational Society) into HUM/FA category.	Approve	RaNelle/John	Approve

- Humanities, Fine Arts, Communication Subcommittee Report– Mike, Betsy, David, Larry

Recommendation of approval for five-year renewal with no changes, pending syllabus revision		
Course No	Course Title	Committee Decision
ENGL 340	19 th Century American Fiction	Larry moves to approve courses pending revised syllabus. RaNelle 2 nd . Will not take to senate with out revised syllabus. Committee votes to approve.
ENGL 341	20 th Century American Fiction	
ENGL 345	Themes in American Culture	
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	

Returned for additional information		
ADFH 411	Food and World Cultures	
ART 124	Three-Dimensional Design	
FREN 360	Studies in Language and Style	

- Science and Technology & Wellness Subcommittee Report – John, Char, Bob, Harriett

Recommendation of approval for five-year renewal with no changes		
Course No	Course Title	Committee Decision
ENT 210	Humans, Insects, & the Environment	John moves to recommend courses as subcommittee describes, Betsy 2 nd . Committee votes to approve
PHYS 212	College Physics II, (pending syllabus revision)	
PHYS 212L	College Physics II Lab (pending syllabus revision)	
Recommendation of approval for a five-year renewal with changes in outcomes		
GEOL 105	Physical Geology (pending syllabus revision)	
GEOL 105L	Physical Geology Lab (pending syllabus revision)	
HNES 250	Nutrition Science	
HNES 270	Consumer Issues in Food & Nutrition	
HPER 217	Personal & Community Health	
Returned for additional information		
HNES 111	Wellness	

- Social & Behavioral Sciences, Quantitative Reasoning– Eric, RaNelle, Margie, Charles
No Report

5. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports

- UNIV 189 Task Force. Char reported that committee is meeting weekly; they have many questions about objectives, framework, and articulated vision for 1st year students, etc. Revisions will tie into General Education revisions, how they can improve this course until this happens.

6. New Business

- Evaluation of possible Course Review Checklist emailed on January 15, 2008 – will use it in committees for awhile and if it works to speed up process will put on website
- 2008-2010 NDSU Bulletin Updates Committee reviewed and made following changes

Under “General Education Program”

First paragraph, first sentence – “The purpose of general education at NDSU is to ensure that students acquire knowledge, perspectives, and skills ~~associated with~~ (basic to) a university education.”

Under “General Education Requirements”

First paragraph, fourth sentence – ~~“The alphabetical indicators are used primarily on departmental curriculum guides to facilitate program planning.”~~ Omit this sentence

Under section “General Education Administrative Policies”

1...~~“No more than two courses from any given department may be double counted in a curriculum.”~~ (Delete this sentence.)

6... Discussed this paragraph –confusing to students?

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Wolter, Recorder

**Next General Education Meeting
Wednesday, March 12, 2008
2:00 to 3:00 PM
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