

## GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes – April 23, 2008

The General Education Committee met on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Computer Science conference room.

Members Present: Dorothy Chansky (Visual and Performing Arts), Ray Desrosiers (Engineering and Chairperson), Gary Elbow (Honors), Ernest Fish (Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources), Miles Kimball (Arts & Sciences, Faculty Senate), Tom Kimball (Human Sciences), Linda Krefting (Business Administration), David Lamp (Arts & Sciences), Comfort Pratt (Education), Roger Saathoff (Mass Communications), Ben Shacklette (Architecture), Doug Smith (Engineering).  
Members Not Present: Frank Durso (Arts & Sciences).

#### I. Announcements

- **Next GEC meeting:** Thursday, May 8, 1:-3:00 pm, CS conference room.

#### II. New Business

1. **Augment the GEC Criteria** for Including Courses in the Core with specific examples. Each member will work with a faculty member in an appropriate department to compose a set of learning objective/assessment method pairs for at least one course. The intended result is at least one example for each category. These sample assessment strategies will be posted on a page dedicated for this purpose on the GEC web site. ( <http://www.gec.ttu.edu> ) The examples should be submitted to the chair no later than Monday, May 21.
2. **Course deletions.**
  - The following courses are deleted by request of the offering department: **TH A4303; PSS3323; CS1412/3368; ANSC3402; FDSC3301.**
  - The request sent to all deans and associate deans after the last GEC meeting (see appendix of Apr 9 minutes) received many responses requesting that problem courses be retained temporarily. Those departments will either remove those courses from the Core in the coming year, remove an offending prerequisite, or renumber the course. The following courses are deleted since they are inappropriate for the Core by THECB policy and no request to retain the course was received by the deadline of May 22: **ADM 3305; GEOG3353/4301; PHIL3330; ADM3312.**
  - Summary of course-level actions: a summary of GEC actions to date regarding the composition of the Core Curriculum is listed in the appendix to these minutes.
3. **Foreign Language blanket statement.** CMLL responded to a request for a list of courses to replace the blanket statement appearing on page 43 of the 2007-08 catalog allowing a FL course to satisfy the Humanities requirement under certain restrictions. The response included many 4000-level courses and the committee did not accept the justifications cited for these. No action was taken. The GEC will correspond with the CMLL chair to clarify some issues. The blanket statement will be removed from the Core at our May 8 meeting.
4. **Recommendation regarding a permanent role for the Core Competency committees.** The GEC has been requested to submit a recommendation for making these committees a permanent part of the TTU academic administration. Elbow and Desrosiers will formulate a planning document which will be discussed at our next meeting. The committee expressed strong support for using the content expertise of these focused committees. They should have primary responsibility for assessment activities regarding the Core. For record purposes regarding the SACS response, the membership of these committees is listed in the appendix to these minutes.

## **Appendix to the GEC Minutes of Apr 23**

- 1. Summary of Individual Course Actions 2007-2008.** Note: this is not a final summary of GEC course actions for the academic year. There will be additions made to this document at our next meeting. This draft document is listed here for reporting purposes.
- 2. Membership of the Core Competency Teams (as of 4/21/2008)**

# General Education Committee

## Summary of Individual Course Actions 2007-2008

(Draft, as of Apr 23, 2008)

### New course Approvals

Meeting	Cat.	Courses	Meeting	Cat.	Courses
9/19/2007	MC	AAEC4309			
11/14/2007	D	CLAS3304			
2/26/2008	A	ENGR2331			

### Courses Deleted by Committee Vote

Meeting	Cat.	Courses	Meeting	Cat.	Courses
9/19/2007	F	MUTH1103/1104/1303/1304	3/12/2008	MC	ARCH2315
11/14/2007	B	MUTH3303		MC	ART 3310/3315/3317
	B	MATH3322/3342/3351/3354		G.3.	ANTH3345;PSY3398/4325
	B	MATH3370/3430/4310/4354	3/26/2008	F	ARCH1441/1442
	B	MATH4360/4362/4370/4371		E	CLT 4305
12/5/2007	E	PHIL4320/4323/4330/4331/4340	4/9/2008	D	AGSM3303/4302
1/16/2008	A	PETR3308		E	ANTH3346
	B	PHIL4310		G	PSY4300/4325/4330
	B	I E 3341	4/23/2008	D	ADM3305; ANSC3402
	B	SOC 3391			CS1412/3368; FDSC3301
					GEOG3353/4301; PHIL3330
2/13/2008	F	MUHL2301/2302/2308/2309/3308			PSS3323
	F	MUAP2002/3301/3002/4001/4002		E	ADM3312
2/20/2008	D	ISQS2340		F	TH A4303

(total 64)

### Blanket statements eliminated

2007-08 Catalog blanket statement	Pg	Replacement
ARCH – All architecture history courses	43	ARCH 2311
ENGL – All English courses in literature or Linguistics. Excludes courses in technical writing.	43	ENGL 2305/2306/2307/2308/2351/2388/2391
HIST – Any history course not used to fulfill Core Curriculum American history requirement	43	HIST 1300/1301/2322/2323
SOC – All sociology advanced courses except SOC3391and 4395	45	SOC 3324/3325/3327/3331/3332/3335 3337/3368/3383/3393/3394
HIST- (American History)	44	HIST3310/3313/3314/3321/3323/3330/3331 3332
MATH – All mathematics courses above 1300, except 3430	41	MATH1300/1321/1330/1331/1350/1351/1352 1420/1430/1550/2300/2345/2350/2360/2371

**Courses effectively removed as a result of the replacement of blanket statements.**

ARCH2315/3313

ENGL3302/3304/3305/3307/3308/3309/3323/3324/3325/3335/3336/3337/3382/3386/3388/3390  
ENGL3391/4301/4311/4312/4313/4314/4315/4321/4342

HIST3308/3309/3311/3315/3316/3317/3318/3320/3325/3326/3327/3328/3334/3337/3338/3339  
HIST4301/4302/4304/4305/4306/4307/4308/4309/4311/4317/4323/4324/4325/4326/4327/4337

SOC3329/3348/3352/3391/3392/4307/4311/4316/4325/4327/4331/4362/4381/4382/4395

MATH2322/2323/2370/3310/3322/3342/3350/3351/3354/3360/3370/3371/3430/4000/4310/4312  
MATH4330/4331/4342/4343/4350/4351/4354/4356/4360/4362/4370/4371  
(112 total)

(176 Grand Total )

**Core Competency Teams**  
**Coordinators, Faculty Members, and Staff Support**  
**4.21.08**

**Communications**

*Coordinator* - Sam Dragga, Professor and Department Chairperson, English,  
College of Arts and Sciences

*Staff Support* - Sandra Marquez-Hall, Unit Manager, Planning & Assessment, Student  
Affairs

Kathleen Gillis, Director of the Writing Center, College of Arts and Sciences  
Susan Lang, Director of Composition, College of Arts and Sciences  
Roger Saathoff, College of Mass Communication  
David E. Williams, Communications Studies

**Mathematics**

*Coordinator* - Lawrence Schovanec, Professor and Department Chairperson,  
Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts and Sciences

*Staff Support* – Jennifer Hughes, Instructor, College of Business; Doctoral Student,  
HIED, College of Education

Tim Dallas, College of Engineering  
Ray Desrosiers, Computer Science, College of Engineering  
Gary Harris, Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts and Sciences  
Petros Hadjicostas, Mathematic & Statistics, College of Arts and Sciences  
Carl Seaquist, Mathematic & Statistics, College of Arts and Sciences  
Pam Tipton, College of Education

**Natural Sciences**

*Coordinator* - John Zak, Professor and Department Chairperson, Biological  
Sciences, Coordinator, Natural Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences

*Staff Support* – TBA

Cal Barnes, Department Chairperson, Geosciences, College of Arts and  
Sciences

Dominick Casadonte, Chairperson, Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences  
Lauren Gollahon, Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences  
David Lamp, Physics, College of Arts and Sciences  
Jeff Lee, Economics and Geography, College of Arts and Sciences  
Mark McGinley, Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences

Paul Pare, Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Arts and Sciences  
Leslie Thompson, Animal and Food Sciences, College of Agricultural Sciences  
and Natural Resources  
Richard Zartman, Plant and Soil Science, College of Agricultural Sciences  
and Natural Resources

### **Humanities**

*Coordinator* – Mary Jane Hurst, Professor, English, College of Arts and  
Sciences; Faculty Assistant to the President  
*Staff Support* – Rebecca Owens, Managing Director, Program for Academic  
Support Services

Laura Calkins, Director of Women's Studies; Honors College, History  
Marliss Desens, Director of Literary Studies in the English Department  
John Howe, History  
Randy McBee, Chairperson, History Department  
Jim Whitlark, Associate Chairperson, English Department

### **Visual and Performing Arts**

*Coordinator* - Robert Henry, Professor and Dean, Visual and Performing Arts  
*Staff Support* – Sam Oswald, Unit Assistant Director, Outreach & Distance Education

Christina Ashby-Martin, Honors College  
Todd Chambers, Chairperson, EM&C, Mass Communication  
Dorothy Chansky, Theatre & Dance  
Fred Christoffel, Chairperson, Department of Theatre & Dance  
Todd DeVriese, Director, School of Art  
Benjamin K. Shacklette, College of Architecture  
Al Shinn, Associate Director, School of Music

### **Multicultural**

*Coordinator* - Arturo Olivarez, Professor of Educational Psychology and  
Leadership, College of Education  
*Staff Support* – Valerie Paton, and Dwight Gard, Doctoral Student, HIED, College of  
Education

Mary Frances Agnello, Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education  
Joaquin Borrego, Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences  
Hansel Burley, Educational Psychology, College of Education  
Linda Krefting, Management, Rawls College of Business  
Aretha Marbley, Counseling Education, College of Education  
Juan Munoz, Bilingual Education, College of Education; Special Assistant to the  
President for Institutional Diversity  
Luis I. Ramirez, Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences  
Yuan Shu, English, College of Arts and Sciences

**Technology and Applied Science**

*Coordinator* - Gary Elbow, Associate Academic Dean, Honors College

*Staff Support* - Kathy Austin, Assistant Vice President, Office of the CIO

Patricia Brown, Rawls College of Business

Steve Crooks, Educational Instructional Technology, College of Education

Steve Frazee, Agricultural Education, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

Jeff Lee, Economics and Geometry, College of Arts and Sciences

Walt Oler, Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering

**Social and Behavioral Sciences**

*Coordinator* - Jeff Williams, Professor & Chair, Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work

*Staff Support* - Andrea McCourt, Instructor, Human Development and Family Studies

Elizabeth Hall, Health, Exercise, and Sport Sciences, and Senior Vice Provost

Erin Hardin, Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences

Helen Morrow, Director of the Social Work Program, and Assistant Professor, Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Dennis Patterson, Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences

Steve Richards, Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences

Tamra Walter, Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, College of Arts and Sciences

**Foreign Languages**

*Coordinator* - Greta Gorsuch, Associate Professor, Classical and Modern Languages and Literature

*Staff Support* – Kari Wood, TLTC

Andrew Farley, Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures, College of Arts and Sciences

Gates

Tony Qualin, Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures, College of Arts and Sciences

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Fred Suppe, Chairperson, Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures

Bill Van Patten, Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures

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