

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

January 16, 2002

The General Education Committee met on Wednesday, January 16, 2002, from Noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Provost's Conference Room.

Members Present: Brink (Provost's Office, ex-officio), Clopton (Arts & Sciences, presiding), Desrosiers (Engineering), Fish (Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources), Geer (Education), Krefting (Business Administration), Lampe (Arts & Sciences), Lewis (Faculty Senate), and Roach (Arts & Sciences)

Member Excused: Shacklette (Architecture)

1. Minutes for the meeting on 11/14/2001. Approved by consensus.
2. Election of a chair for 2002. Linda Krefting was elected chair of the General Education Committee for 2002 by a unanimous vote.
3. Course proposals. The committee discussed a request to add GEOL 3428 as an option in the Technology and Applied Science component of the Core Curriculum. Lampe made a motion to approve this request, Lewis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

We discussed a request to add four Russian courses (RUSN 3301, 3302, 4301, and 4302) as options to meet the Multicultural Requirement. Fish made a motion to approve this request, Krefting seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

We discussed a request to add HONS 3301, Section H12, as an option to meet the Multicultural Requirement. Discussion led to consensus on two points: (1) that the committee does not approve courses for the Core Curriculum when the specific content of the course will vary, and (2) that there are other mechanisms for fulfilling the multicultural requirement besides taking a course listed on pages 111-113 of the undergraduate catalog and that those mechanisms may be approved by the dean's office in each college of the university. The General Education Committee recommends that students be allowed to count HONS 3301, Section H12 (The World of Islam, the Middle East, and the West), as a means of meeting the multicultural requirement.

4. Issue of including 3000- and 4000-level courses in the Core Curriculum. Brink urged the committee to focus on this issue during its meetings this year and to seek input from as many different areas of the university as possible.
5. Next meeting: February 20, 2002, Noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Provost's Conference Room.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES FOR PROPOSALS
TO THE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

- Proposals for changes in the Core Curriculum must come to the General Education Committee (GEC) from the office of the dean of the originating college and with an indication of the dean's approval. Proposals not bearing the approval of the dean's office will be returned to the college without action.
- Proposals to add or delete a course from the Core must be accompanied by a current syllabus and may have additional supporting materials. Proposals not accompanied by a syllabus will be returned to the college without action.
- Proposals must arrive in the Provost's office (attention of Brink) no later than the beginning of the month during which they will come before the GEC. Proposals that do not arrive by this deadline, and are therefore not included on the prepared agenda, will not be considered until the next meeting.
- Sponsorship of proposals is done by the GEC representative of the originating college. The presence of additional sponsors is neither necessary nor desirable unless specifically invited by the committee. GEC recommends that proposers consult with their college's representative on the GEC.

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Corrected Minutes

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A paragraph in the minutes for the 1-16-02 meeting of the General Education Committee was unclear and misleading, and it has caused much confusion. Before is a corrected version of that paragraph (with changes underlined).

We discussed a request to add HONS 3301, Section H12, as an option to meet the Multicultural Requirement. That request was not approved. Discussion led to consensus on two points: (1) that the committee does not approve courses for the Core Curriculum when the specific content of the course will vary, and (2) that there are other mechanisms for fulfilling the multicultural requirement besides taking a course listed on pages 111-113 of the undergraduate catalog and that those mechanisms may be approved by the dean's office in each college of the university. The members of the General Education Committee hope that students will be allowed by their academic deans to count HONS 3301, Section H12 (The World of Islam, the Middle East, and the West), as a means of meeting the multicultural requirement.