

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes – March 23, 2005

The General Education Committee met on Wednesday, March 23rd, 2005, from Noon to 1 p.m. in the Provost's Conference Room.

Members Present: Jim Brink (Provost's Office, ex-officio), Jim Clopton (Arts & Sciences), Ray Desrosiers (Engineering), Frank Durso (Arts & Sciences), Pamela Elrod (Visual & Performing Arts), Ernest Fish (Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources), Linda Krefting (Business Administration), Roger Saathoff (Mass Communications), Ben Shacklette (Architecture), Julie Thomas (College of Education), and David Roach (Arts & Sciences, presiding)

Absent: Kambra Bolch (Honors), Bryan Camp (Faculty Senate), Du Feng (College of Human Sciences), David Lamp (Arts & Sciences)

1. Announcements.

- * Gen Ed Meetings for Spring 2005: April 20
- * Sue Jones concerned "that the General Education Committee is in the midst of making important decisions about Core courses literally as the catalog is going to print. Your minutes have made mention numerous times about the need to coordinate deadlines with my office. Are you planning to continue reviewing Core courses in April and May even though the catalog has gone to the printer?" This is logical and understandable concern in view of printer deadlines for the new catalogue. General committee support for assuming the catalogue to be the same as last year unless notice is sent that something was deleted or added.
- * SACS news – Future discussions will be needed with QEP committee regarding Core Curriculum and Ethics; SACS wants assessment expectations for the QEP plan
- * Writing Intensive requirement – discussion – new catalogue will contain information regarding this; committee needs to try to condense and revise old guidelines for this from 13 down to a more manageable list with good explanations. Need to avoid too much specificity or too much generality. One of the basic needs is that students write and rewrite. This is not currently listed in the old set of 13 guidelines. Ray and Jim will work on this and committee members are invited to send quick emails if they have suggestions.

2. Review of minutes from the last meeting.

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

3. New Business

New Proposals:

Personal Financial Planning Proposals

* PFP 1301 Cultural and Gender Issues in Personal Finance – To serve as a course that meets the Multicultural and Individual and Group Behaviors requirements.

The committee needs to see more information in the syllabus, and thus invites a revision and resubmission of this syllabus. Revision needs will be communicated to the originator of the proposal.

* PFP 4380 Advanced Technologies and Case Design – To serve as a course that meets the Technology requirement at an advanced skill level.

After discussion, the committee voted to reject this proposal (with one abstention).

4. Old Business

- * Continuing review of Individual and Group Behavior category will continue in our next meeting.

5. Meeting adjourned

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 must include a course description, course objectives, and must clearly demonstrate how the proposed course fits the Core Curriculum category objectives. Proposals not accompanied by a syllabus will be returned to the college without action.
- To ensure that proposals are considered at a meeting of the GEC, they should arrive in the Provost's office (attention 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 may be considered, depending on the number of items on the agenda for the meeting. If late proposals cannot be included on the agenda for the meeting, they will be considered at 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.