

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Minutes – April 20, 2005**

The General Education Committee met on Wednesday, April 20th, 2005, from Noon to 1 p.m. in the Provost's Conference Room.

Members Present: Kambra Bolch (Honors), Jim Clopton (Arts & Sciences), Ray Desrosiers (Engineering), Linda Krefting (Business Administration), Roger Saathoff (Mass Communications), Julie Thomas (College of Education) and David Roach (Arts & Sciences, presiding)

Absent: Jim Brink (Provost's Office, ex-officio), Bryan Camp (Faculty Senate), Frank Durso (Arts & Sciences), Pamela Elrod (Visual & Performing Arts), Du Feng (College of Human Sciences), Ernest Fish (Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources), David Lamp (Arts & Sciences), Ben Shacklette (Architecture)

1. Announcements.

- \* Jim Brink invites feedback on Writing Intensive requirement wordings before announced/sent to university.
- \* Unless emergency, today is last GEC meeting for this year. Have a great summer.

2. Review of minutes from the last meeting.  
Minutes reviewed and approved.

3. New Business

New Proposals:

\*APS 2300 Communication, Civility, and Ethics proposal as a course to fulfill the requirements for the oral communication category. Proposal was discussed in depth. **The committee voted to approve this proposal and recommend it to the Provost.**

\*EM&C 3308 Visual Communications proposal as a course to fulfill the requirements for the Visual and Performing Arts category. Proposal was discussed in depth. **The committee voted to approve this proposal and recommend it to the Provost.**

4. Old Business

- \* Revised PFP 1301 Personal Finance in a Multicultural Society – to be reconsidered as a course that meets the Multicultural and Individual and Group Behaviors requirements. This proposal was discussed in depth. While the revision of the syllabus was applauded, **the committee did not feel that this course was appropriate to serve as one to meet the multicultural or the I&GB requirement. The proposal was not recommended for acceptance.**

\* The committee engaged in a discussion of the multicultural requirement and its history.

5. The meeting was adjourned.

We did not get to this part of the agenda. Will need to start here next time (in Fall 2005).

**\* Continuing review of Individual and Group Behavior category.**

For missing I&GB syllabi, ANTH, ARCH, ART, HDFS, MCOM, POLS chairs (or Deans) were contacted and a request for syllabi was made.

\*Group 1 - Bryan Camp, Ernie Fish, Ben Shacklette

2<sup>nd</sup> Wave Courses: #SOC 3324, SOC 3325,

***These two courses need: titles, listings of content and course coverage, listings of courses and learning objectives. Revised syllabi to be considered.***

#Instructor of this course is out on medical leave this semester w cancer.

\*Group 2 - Jim Clopton, Frank Durso, David Lamp, David Roach

2<sup>nd</sup> Wave Courses: SOC 3331, #SOC 3337, SOC 3352, SOC 3392,

***These syllabi needed more information: listings of content and course coverage, listings of courses and learning objectives. Revised syllabi to be considered.***

\*Group 3 - Linda Krefting, Julie Thomas, Ray Derosiers

2<sup>nd</sup> Wave Courses: SOC 4307, SOC 4311

***The committee questions approval of special topics courses. SOC 4311 has a pre req that counts for I&GB so it is felt that this course is not needed on the I&GB list. Chair contacted with this information.*** Chair Response: Ok with thoughts on both as long as applies to everyone.

\*Group 4 - Kambra Bolch, Du Feng, Roger Saathoff, Pam Elrod

2<sup>nd</sup> Wave Courses: PSY 2301, PSY 3398, PSY 4300, PSY 4325, SOC 1301, SOC 1320

\*Requested syllabi received and sent to all for review: SOC 3392/5394, ANTH 3345/5343, ANTH 3371, ANTH 4372/LAIS 4300, HDFS 3322, ART 4315, ART 3311, ARCH 1311, POLS 3341, POLS 3326, POLS 3351, POLS 3361, POLS 3371, ADV 4313, ESS 3352, ESS 3354, HLTH 1305, HLTH 2302, HLTH 3325

- Note – HDFS 3325 (listed in I&GB section) is no longer a course that is offered in HDFS. It is offered through the HS Applied and Professional Studies department. Question, is it appropriate to just transfer the new prefix in or does the department need to make a proposal?

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.