

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Minutes – September 21, 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: Jim Brink (Provost's Office, ex-officio), Dorothy Chansky (Visual and Performing Arts), Frank Durso (Arts & Sciences), Gary Elbow (Honors), Ernest Fish (Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources), Ray Desrosiers (Engineering), Tom Kimball (Human Sciences), Linda Krefting (Business Administration), Roger Saathoff (Mass Communications), and David Roach (Arts & Sciences, presiding)

Absent: David Lamp (Arts & Sciences), Charles Myles (Faculty Senate), Mellinee Lesley (Education), Ben Shacklette (Architecture)

1. Announcements.

- \* New Committee Members
- \* Committee Purpose and Function
- \* Meetings Fall semester: October 19, November 16 (and December if an emergency)
- \* Need to strengthen the writing intensive courses and their purposes. A handbook has been sent out from the Provost's office to WI teachers to foster this. All students in freshman composition have this handbook.
- \* Jim sent out a memo in the summer noting that all core curriculum syllabi must have learning outcomes and assessments, and that these outcomes and assessments should reflect the requirements for the appropriate core category.

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

3. New Business - New Proposals

\*Department of Theatre and Dance requests that TA A 3308 and 3309 (History of Theatre I and II, be removed from VPA component of core curriculum. **The committee voted to approve this request and to recommend these deletions to the Provost.**

\*GERM 3313 Northern Myths and Legends proposed as a course to fulfill Multicultural requirement. **The committee voted to approve this proposal and recommend it to the Provost.**

\*TURK 3307 Turkish Culture proposed as a course to fulfill Multicultural requirement. **The committee voted to approve this proposal and recommend it to the Provost.**

\*SPAN 4337 Cultural Topics – Hispanic World proposed as a course to fulfill Multicultural requirement.

\*SPAN 4346 Spanish Life and Culture proposed as a course to fulfill Multicultural requirement.

**Committee question: by the time a student would take a 4000 level course wouldn't he/she already have fulfilled the multicultural requirement with another prerequisite course at a lower level? If so, having 4000 level SPAN courses fulfill this might be superfluous. Committee recommended that these two SPAN courses be sent back to Associate Dean Rob Stewart with this question to get a response from him.**

4. Old Business

- \* Individual and Group Behavior Category Review – current checklist distributed. Will continue review.

5. The meeting was 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.