

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Agenda - November 16, 2005

The General Education Committee met on Wednesday, November 16, 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), Ray Desrosiers (Engineering), Ernest Fish (Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources), Tom Kimball (Human Sciences), Linda Krefting (Business Administration, presiding for David Roach), David Lamp (Arts & Sciences), Charles Myles (Faculty Senate), Ben Shacklette (Architecture).

Members Absent: Mellinee Lesley (Education), Roger Saathoff (Mass Communications), and David Roach (Arts & Sciences)

1. This will be the last fall meeting unless there is some December emergency .
2. Minutes from the October 19 meeting were accepted.
3. The request from Sue Jones for clarification on when recommendations from GEC to the Provost become effective was discussed and several alternatives were proposed. Jim Brink will talk further with Sue Jones about the alternatives and report back at the January meeting..
4. Old Business—proposals to recommend SPAN 4337 Cultural Topics – Hispanic World & SPAN 4346 Spanish Life and Culture to fulfill Multicultural requirement were considered in light of the information provided by Fred Suppe. Committee voted 8-1 against recommending approval of either course for the Multicultural requirement. SPAN 4346 is taught in Spain and, as a course taught abroad, already meets the Multicultural requirement, so adding this course to the approved list would be superfluous. For SPAN 4337, the majority of the committee believed that students enrolling in a 4000 level course taught in Spanish are very likely to have met the Multicultural requirement with previous coursework.
5. New Business—There were no new Proposals for consideration.
6. Ongoing Business –Syllabi for several courses currently approved for Individual and Group Behavior Category were reviewed. The Committee unanimously recommends that three courses continue in the category: PSY 4330, F&N 4380 & Geography 2351. The Committee delayed consideration of four courses until additional information on the substance of the course is provided: Economics 2301, Economics 2302, Economics 2305 & Geography 3337. Without a course outline or substantive description of course content, it is not possible to determine how well the course fits the Individual and Group Behavior Category.

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.