

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes**  
**September 19, 2001**

The General Education Committee met on Wednesday, September 19, 2001, at 12:00 noon in the Provost's Conference Room.

Members Present: Clopton (Arts & Sciences, Presiding), Geer (Education), Gustafson (Human Sciences), Krefting (Business Administration), Lamp (Arts & Sciences), and Lewis (Faculty Senate)

Member Excused: Brink (Provost's Office, ex-officio)

1. Minutes of 4/18/2001: Approved by consensus. Two corrections in the list of committee members: Wayne Lewis's term ends in 2002, and Linda Krefting's E-mail address is linda.krefting@ttu.edu.
2. Course proposals. We discussed the request to add COMS 1300 (Introduction to Communication Studies) as an option in the Oral Communication component of the Core Curriculum. This request was not approved. COMS 1300 is already in the Core Curriculum as an Individual and Group Behavior course. The committee would be willing to consider moving COMS 1300 from the Individual and Group Behavior section to the Oral Communication section, but such a request should include a more detailed description showing how COMS meets the standard for an oral speech course.

We also discussed the request to add C LT 4317 (Readings in Comparative Literature and Culture) as an option in the Humanities and Multicultural sections of the Core Curriculum. This request was not approved. Committee members were concerned about approving a readings course for addition to the Core Curriculum. The catalog description is broad enough that the course could be taught in the future in a way that does not meet the standard for a Multicultural course.

One general issue that needs more discussion from the committee is the appropriateness of having 4000-level courses in the Core Curriculum. Geer suggested that the Core Curriculum should consist of basic (1000- and 2000-level) courses. Krefting cautioned committee members not to apply a rule while considering course proposals that has not been recommended to, or approved by, the Provost.

4. Continuation of our review of the natural science courses in the core curriculum. F & N 1410 was reviewed and found to meet the standard for a natural science course, although several committee members suggested that the catalog description should be revised to better indicate that this course meets the standard for a natural science course. The committee decided that a lab syllabus is needed for our review of GEOG 1401. It was the consensus of the committee that no further review of ANSC 3404. is needed.
5. Next meeting: October 17, 2001, 12:00 (noon) to 1:00 p.m.