

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Minutes
October 17, 2001

The General Education Committee met on Wednesday, October 17, 2001, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Provost's Conference Room.

Members Present: Brink (Provost's Office, ex-officio), Clopton (Arts & Sciences, presiding), Desrosiers (Engineering), Fish (Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources), Geer (Education), Gustafson (Human Sciences), Krefting (Business Administration), Lamp (Arts & Sciences), and Lewis (Faculty Senate)

Member Excused: Shacklette (Architecture)

1. Minutes of 9/19/2001: Approved by consensus.
2. Time for meeting: Peggy Flores will send members a questionnaire asking about possible times to meet.
3. Course proposals. We discussed the request to switch COMS 1300 (Introduction to Communication Studies) from the Individual and Group Behavior section to the Oral Communication section of the Core Curriculum. This request was not approved. Brink made the motion not to approve the switch, Fish seconded the motion, and the motion passed: 8 in favor and 0 opposed. Committee members were concerned that there was not enough attention in COMS 1300 to speech making.

We discussed the request to add SLAV 2301 (The Vampire in East European and Western Culture) as an option in the Multicultural section of the Core Curriculum. This request was approved. Krefting made a motion to approve this request, Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion passed: 8 in favor and 0 opposed.

4. Continuation of our review of the natural science courses in the core curriculum. Several pages from the lab manual for GEOG 1401 were reviewed, and the committee was satisfied that this course meets the criteria for a natural science course.

The committee discussed whether students should be required to take some combination of 4-hour courses or 3-hour courses and the 1-hour laboratory courses that go with them in order to satisfy the 8-hour natural science requirement. We were considering a recommendation to the Provost that a student not be allowed to count a 3-hour course toward the natural science requirement unless the student has also successfully completed the 1-hour laboratory course that goes with it. Most of the committee appeared to favor such a recommendation, but Krefting asked that the committee wait to vote until the November meeting.

5. Further consideration of the appropriateness of having 4000-level courses in the Core Curriculum.
6. Next meeting: November 14, 2001, 12:00 (noon) to 1:00 p.m. (unless a feasible alternative time is identified).