

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Minutes
November 14, 2001

The General Education Committee met on Wednesday, November 14, 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), Krefting (Business Administration), Lewis (Faculty Senate), and Shacklette (Architecture)

Member Excused: Gustafson (Human Sciences)

1. Minutes of 10/17/2001: Approved by consensus, with these corrections: the motion not to approve switching COMS 1300 from the Individual and Group Behavior section of the Core Curriculum to the Oral Communication section was made by Fish (not Brink) and was seconded by Lampe (not Fish).

2. Course proposals. We discussed the request to add MUSI 3336 as an option in the Visual and Performing Arts section of the Core Curriculum. Fish made a motion to approve this request, Lewis seconded, and the motion failed: 2 in favor and 4 opposed. Those committee members opposed to the motion were concerned that MUSI 3336 emphasizes the techniques of teaching more than an appreciation of music.

We discussed the request to add ENGL 1388 as an option in the Humanities section of the Core Curriculum. The committee had a favorable opinion of this request, but no action was needed because the Undergraduate Catalog (see page 106) states that English courses, except for courses in technical writing, count as Humanities courses.

3. A motion was made by Krefting and seconded by Fish to send this resolution to the Provost:

"It is recommended to the Provost that the following wording be substituted for part C of the Core Curriculum, page 103 of the 2001-02 Undergraduate Catalog:

Present text: 'C. Natural Science: 8 hours (includes laboratory)'

Recommended text: 'C. Natural Science: 8 hours (three-hour lecture courses must be accompanied by the related one-hour laboratory course.)'"

Following discussion in which several faculty noted that this standard was already being followed by nearly all students, the motion was approved: 5 in favor and 0 opposed. The Provost approved this recommendation on November 15, 2001.

4. At its next meeting, the committee will have further discussion of the appropriateness of having 3000-level and 4000-level courses in the Core Curriculum. [Attached is information about 4000-level courses that are currently in the Core Curriculum.]

6. Next meeting: January 16, 2002, 12:00 (noon) to 1:00 p.m. (unless a feasible alternative time is identified).