

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 26, 2003

The General Education Committee met on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, from Noon to 1 p.m. in the Provost's Conference Room.

Members Present: Bolch (Honors), Brink (Provost's Office, ex-officio), Clopton (Arts & Sciences), Desrosiers (Engineering), Elrod (Visual & Performing Arts), Fish (Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources), Gustafson (Human Sciences), Halsey (Faculty Senate), Krefting (Business Administration), Lamp (Arts & Sciences, presiding), Shacklette (Architecture), Roach (Arts & Sciences), Thomas (Education).

Members Excused: none

1. Minutes for the meeting on 2/19/2003. Minutes were approved by consensus.
2. RWFM 2307. Desrosiers moved and Roach seconded that RWFM 2307 be recommended for approval for Technology and Applied Science category. The motion passed.
3. ANSC 4310. Krefting moved and Thomas seconded that ANSC 4310 be recommended for approval for Individual and Group Behavior category. The motion failed. The sense of the committee was that the course as described in the syllabus failed to meet the category's defining description of (my emphasis added), "...increase student's knowledge of *how social and behavioral scientists* discover, describe, and explain the behaviors and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, events, and ideas."
4. VPA 3301. Clopton moved and Bolch seconded that VPA 3301 be recommended for approval to the Humanities category. The motion passed.
5. Core Curriculum Evaluation. Thomas described an evaluation instrument from the education literature (on assessing the effectiveness of an honors program) that could be adapted to serve our assessment needs. The charge is to assess student outcomes. The consensus was that this means, 'How well were the students prepared, by our general education curriculum, in the Core areas?' The consensus